

ODOR CONTROL FOR YOUR PETS



In areas where neighbors live very close to one another, odors from pets on one property can sometimes become a legal odor nuisance on other properties. Odors can come from manure, urine, or spray. Odors can come from dirty pets, from animal pens or houses that stay in one spot for too long, and from bedding.

The FIRST STEP is to pick up manure EVERY DAY:

- Pick up stools every day. Bag them and place them in the garbage.

The SECOND STEP is to clean the pets, pens and houses, and replace the bedding NOW:

- Wash the pets. Wash the pens and houses with hot, soapy water. Provide clean bedding.

The THIRD STEP is to clean and disinfect your pet areas and kennels FREQUENTLY:

- a. If your pets are in a kennel and the kennel has a concrete or hard surface floor, wash the floor with hot soapy water and rinse it with a disinfectant (1 part household bleach in 32 parts water). Sponge the bleach and water mixture on all hard surfaces, including the walls of the kennel. Let air dry.
- b. If your pet area is dirt or gravel, move it occasionally. Wash any fencing. After moving the pet area, apply odor chemicals or lime onto the soil at the old location:
 - Many odor control sprays and liquids are available at pet stores. Please be aware that some of these chemicals only mask odor and do not eliminate the cause.
 - AGRICULTURAL LIME is a very affordable and effective odor control agent. It can be sprinkled on any area where odor is a problem. Please note that there are two types of lime:
 - **DO NOT USE HYDRATED LIME**, also known as “burn lime,” “quicklime,” or “calcium oxide.” This lime can burn you or your pets.
 - **DO USE AGRICULTURAL LIME**, also known as “dolomite,” “garden lime,” or “calcium carbonate.” It looks like pellets, and can be spread in your kennels, yard, or flower beds because it will not burn. Spread evenly onto the soil and lightly wash it into the soil with a light spray from a hose.
 - If your pets are kept in the house, clean the floors, furniture, and pets regularly.

The FOURTH STEP is to listen to your neighbors or family if they talk to you about odors or manure. If you have odor problems:

- It’s time to clean your yard, animal pens and houses, and pets.
- It’s time to move your animal pens and apply lime to your yard.
- It’s time to rethink how many pets you have in your house or yard.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at 390-5600.

