

Why Are Snakes Around?

Snakes are a natural part of the Texas environment. Seeing a snake around your home does not necessarily mean you have an infestation.

Snakes may enter yards looking for food, water, shade & shelter. Properties with rodents, dense vegetation, debris, or other hiding places may be more attractive to snakes.

If you see a snake, stay calm & keep your distance. Never handle an unfamiliar snake or attempt to determine whether it is venomous. Keep children & pets away from the area & allow the snake a clear path to leave whenever possible.

Tips to help you manage snake populations:

- ☐ **Keep grass & weeds maintained**, especially in areas where people & pets spend time.
- ☐ **Remove unnecessary debris**, brush, rocks & other materials that provide hiding places.
- ☐ **Keep wood piles organized** & away from the structure.
- ☐ **Stay alert for rodent activity**. Rodents are an important food source for many snakes.
- ☐ **Keep garages, sheds & storage areas organized** & free of unnecessary clutter.
- ☐ **Seal openings** beneath doors, around foundations & other structures where practical.
- ☐ **Keep children & pets away** from areas where snakes have been seen.

What to Expect:

Snake encounters can happen even on well-maintained properties because snakes are mobile wildlife.

Reducing food, shelter & access can help make your property less attractive to snakes, but no pest-control program can guarantee that a wild snake will never pass through your property.