

Basic Proofreading Service Example

See page 2 of this document for a clean, finished version of the revised passage.

Skunks are ~~most~~ generally shy, timid animals. ~~h~~However, given ~~that~~ they tend to make their homes in urban settings, they ~~can~~ sometimes come into ~~conflict contact~~ with humans. ~~Skunks like to~~ thrive in back-yards and farm-fields. ~~and~~ They like to sleeping away the daylight hours under a porch or shed, ~~and~~ coming out ~~in at the night-time~~ to hunt. Being opportunistic omnivores, skunks can be ~~also~~ attracted into yards by ~~certain aspects of a yard like unsafe uncovered~~ garbage, bird-seed, fruit, and pet food.

In addition to one of the biggest problems with the skunks (without spraying) is to dig the lawn in search of larvae and worms.

While skunks can become quite comfortable around humans, ~~they may spray their pungent musk as a defense~~ if cornered, startled, or threatened. ~~skunks may spray their pungent musk as a defense.~~ As anyone who has ~~experienced skunks been sprayed by a skunk~~ knows, this ~~pungent~~ spray is very difficult to get rid of. ~~So~~ Because of this, people ~~are often unwilling to do not want have~~ skunks living in ~~there~~ their yard.

~~Removing-Reducing~~ ~~conflicts contact~~ with skunks is all about managing attractants responsibly and discouraging wildlife from ~~becoming too comfortable~~ in your yard.

Being mindful of your garbage is one way to prevent encounters with skunks. Skunk's are not skilled climbers, so keeping garbage ~~securely~~ stored ~~away~~ safely in bins ~~or indoors~~ will ~~essentially~~ prevent ~~skunks and other wildlife from coming into your yard access.~~ ~~Keeping garbage securely stored indoors will keep it inaccessible to all the wildlife.~~ ~~Always ensuring your bins are tightly closed.~~ Regularly wash all recycling items and ~~regularly routinely~~ clean ~~the any~~ bins that are used for garbage or recycling. ~~and~~ If you cannot store your garbage securely, freeze ~~all bad-rotten~~ items and add ~~it them~~ to your bin ~~only~~ on ~~C~~collection ~~D~~day.

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Commented [MP2]: You used an Oxford comma for a list of terms in a previous paragraph ("garbage, bird seed, fruit, and pet food") but have not used one here.

I have inserted the comma here for you. However, if you do not prefer the use of the Oxford comma, you may reject this change. If you do, be sure to delete the comma after "fruit" above as well.

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Commented [MP4]: This phrase is very similar to "become quite comfortable" in the paragraph above. You may want to reword this.

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Commented [MP6]: The word "bin/bins" is repeated in this paragraph.

Skunks are generally shy, timid animals. However, given that they tend to make their homes in urban settings, they sometimes come into contact with humans. Skunks thrive in backyards and farm fields. They like to sleep away the daylight hours under a porch or shed, coming out at night to hunt. Being opportunistic omnivores, skunks can be attracted into yards by uncovered garbage, birdseed, fruit, and pet food.

In addition to one of the biggest problems with the skunks (without spraying) is to dig the lawn in search of larvae and worms.

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While skunks can become quite comfortable around humans, they may spray their pungent musk as a defense if cornered, startled, or threatened. As anyone who has been sprayed by a skunk knows, this pungent spray is very difficult to get rid of. Because of this, people do not want skunks living in their yard.

Reducing contact with skunks is all about managing attractants responsibly and discouraging wildlife from becoming too comfortable in your yard. Being mindful of your garbage is one way to prevent encounters with skunks. Skunks are not skilled climbers, so keeping garbage stored safely in bins or indoors will prevent skunks and other wildlife from coming into your yard. Regularly wash all recycling items and routinely clean any bins that are used for garbage or recycling. If you cannot store your garbage securely, freeze all rotten items and add them to your bin on collection day.