



## SAFE WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR GARDEN FROM SNAKES

Gardens provide a lush and inviting environment for humans, plants, and wildlife alike. However, they can also attract snakes, which, while often beneficial in controlling pests, may pose a concern for gardeners. Many people fear snakes, but most species found in residential gardens are non-venomous and helpful, feeding on rodents, insects, and other pests. Nevertheless, it is important to implement safe strategies to protect your garden and yourself without harming wildlife.

### Understanding Snake Behavior

**Habitat preference:** Snakes seek areas with cover, warmth, and food. Gardens with dense vegetation, rocks, logs, or compost piles are particularly attractive.

**Nocturnal activity:** Many species are most active at night, while some hunt during the day.

**Predatory role:** Snakes feed on rodents, insects, frogs, and other small animals, contributing to a balanced garden ecosystem.

**Flight over fight:** Snakes generally avoid humans and will retreat if given the opportunity.

### "AIPM" TIPS & TRICKS

#### Keep the Garden Clean and Tidy

Clear piles of wood, rocks, and leaf litter where snakes may hide.

#### Trim vegetation

Keep grass, shrubs, and ground cover well-trimmed to reduce shelter.

#### Regular inspection

Check for signs of rodent activity or potential snake shelters

