

# How to Get Rid of Snakes

## Snake Treatment & Control Guide

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### OVERVIEW

#### Snake Removal Options

How to Catch a Snake

**NOTE: If venomous snakes are a known issue on your property, we strongly recommend you consult with a professional wildlife removal company prior to any snake inspection or removal efforts.**

When snakes are found indoors or outdoors on your property and you want them to be removed you have two choices, you can catch the snake with [snake handling tongs](#) or you can deploy [snake traps](#). Both methods allow you to live release the snake and relocate it or choose to eliminate the snake.

\*\*\*You will need to check with your local wildlife control agencies to see what the laws are for relocating snakes in your region.\*\*\*

### METHOD 1 Snake Tongs



You can use [snake tongs](#) to catch live snakes and physically remove them from a given area. We highly recommend you practice with a rubber snake or piece of hose prior to trying catch a live snake with the tongs. Snake tongs come in varying lengths. While the longer length tongs will keep you further away from the snake, they are heavier and a little hard to manipulate. When trying to grab a snake with tongs, you want to aim for about 1/3 of the way down the snake's body. Grab too close to the snake's head and you risk injuring the snake and also causing it to struggle and possibly try to escape. Grab too far to the back end and the snake may wind up in striking distance. Once you have grabbed the snake with the tongs you should carefully and slowly lift the snake while keeping the tail of the snake on the ground and gently drag it towards the area you intend to let it go or dispatch it. If you lift the snake all of the way it will likely struggle to get away.

If you intend to transport the snake for release, you can use a 5 gallon bucket with a vented lid to put the captured snake in. Release the snake in an approved area.

**Pros and cons:** Snake tongs can be used anywhere on your property and inside the structure which makes them very versatile. The downside is that you must come pretty close to snake in order to capture them with tongs.

#### Products needed for Method 1





