

ODOR NUISANCE

Crowded living conditions that force people to be in close proximity is a major cause for the increasing odor nuisance complaints received by the Department of Health. A consequence of this overcrowded living condition is a lowered tolerance level to nuisance cause by neighbors. Disputes between neighbors over odor nuisance, particularly from pets, can be avoided by using the following simple preventive measures.

CAUSES OF ODOR NUISANCE

Dogs: Uncollected feces and urine-soaked soil; kennels or dogs placed near neighbor's bedroom or kitchen.

Cats: Defecating in yard; urinating on walkways of garages, apartment hallways or stairwells to mark their territory.

Dead Animals: Decaying bodies of dead rats, cats, dogs or other large animals.

Pigeon/Chicken Coops: Wet manure accumulated under coops.

Garbage: Decaying animal flesh in garbage containers.

Pesticides: Applying pesticides with strong odor.

CONTROL METHODS

Dogs: Pick up feces daily and place in tightly sealed plastic bags and dispose with the trash. Do not hose down kennel floors to dissolve fecal droppings; this only increases odor problems from the washwater in the soil. Urine-saturated soil with strong odor should be disinfected and deodorized with a water-diluted solution of Clorox, Lysol, pine-sol, or other similar products. Do not place kennels or tether dogs next to neighbor's bedroom or kitchen.

Cats: The Humane Society recommends applying household ammonia to repel cats from areas where they defecate or urinate.

Dead Animals: Bury or place small animals in tightly sealed plastic bags for disposal with the trash. Dead animals on streets or sidewalks will be collected by the City and County Refuse Department when notified. Apply hydrated lime to reduce odors and discourage fly breeding on large animals that cannot be disposed quickly. Ventilate with fans and use deodorants to alleviate temporary odors from dead rats inside of buildings. Read labels of deodorants sold at pet shops or stores and select one that actually neutralizes odors instead of masking them with perfumes.

Pigeon/Chicken Coops: Remove manure under coops as they accumulate. Apply hydrated lime to reduce odors if manure becomes wet with rain.

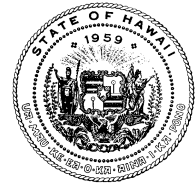
Garbage: Place fish or meat scraps in airtight plastic bags before disposal. Scraps may also be frozen until trash collection day.

Pesticides: Use pesticides without strong odor if available. Do not apply pesticides on hot, humid, windless days that prevent odors from dissipating.

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