

Video: How to get rid of that skunk smell?

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Skunks are nocturnal animals that prefer to keep to themselves.

However, when they sense danger, this lurking purveyor of biochemical warfare unleashes its primary defense mechanism: a nasty-smelling spray.

Similar to tear gas, the scent is so strong it can cause your eyes to

start dripping and make you nauseous.

This week on Reactions, get ready for some stinky chemistry as we take a closer look at the compounds that give skunk [spray](#) its distinctively horrendous odor:

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