



Vernon Animal Control

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HOW TO HANDLE SNAPPING TURTLES

June is the month where you'll often see turtles come out to lay their eggs. These turtles are commonly snapping turtles, most weighing between 15 to 30 pounds. Their one mission is to lay their eggs; they will not bother you if you do not bother them. These creatures are not fast movers on land. If you find one in your yard, keep pets indoors and keep a close eye on your children. Once they are done they will leave.

This department will only become involved in removing a snapping turtle when it poses a threat to the surrounding areas. For example, in 2012 a turtle had buried itself in the playscape. Due to the potential threat of biting anyone that stepped near it, the turtle was removed from Dart Hill Road Park by the Vernon Animal Control.

**For further information, please contact
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