

HOW CAN I KEEP FERAL CATS OUT OF MY YARD? CAT DETERRENTS

SCENT REPELLENTS

- Use non-toxic, naturally-based scent repellents and apply liberally around the edges of the yard, the tops of fences, and on any favorite digging areas or plants..
- Naturally-based products include the Coleus Canina. (WARNING: There are many varieties of Coleus plants, so make sure you order the correct one - Coleus Canina.)
- For protecting gardens or flower beds, common household items may be effective, including the herb rue, either planted or sprinkled in its dry form. Orange and lemon peels (cats dislike citrus smells), cayenne pepper, coffee grounds, pipe tobacco, lavender oil, lemon grass oil, citronella oil, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil, & mustard oil.
- Havahart Get Away dog & cat repellent uses capsaicin pepper and oil of mustard as its active ingredients. It repels by both taste and odor, has a lemon scent, lasts 7-10 days and needs to be reapplied after rain or new growth. Model 5400; 32 oz. bottle sells for \$14.16. To order online, go to www.havahart.com.

PHYSICAL BARRIERS TO DIGGING

- **Arrange branches in a lattice-type pattern or wooden or plastic lattice fencing material over soil.** This will discourage digging. You can disguise these by planting flowers and seeds in the openings. You can also try embedding wooden chopsticks, pinecones, or sticks with dull points deep into the soil 8" apart with tops exposed.
- **Use plastic carpet runners** spike-side up, covered lightly in soil. They can be found at local hardware or office supply stores.
- **Cover exposed ground in flower beds** with large, river rocks to prevent cats from digging. (They have the added benefit of deterring weeds).
- **Cat Scat™** is a nonchemical cat and wildlife repellent with plastic mats that are cut into smaller pieces and pressed into the soil. Each mat has flexible plastic spikes that are harmless to cats and other animals, but discourage digging. Cover exposed ground with rough surfaced rocks. Cat Scat is available online at: www.gardners.com. Phone: 1-888-833-1412

MOTION-ACTIVATED SPRINKLERS

- The Scarecrow, made by Contech. Go to <http://www.contech-inc.com> for more information or call 1-800-767-8658. There is a thirty day money back guarantee and a two year warranty. More than one sprinkler can be attached. Check website for info.
- Another motion-activated sprinkler is Spray Away, manufactured by Havahart. To order, go to www.havahart.com

ULTRASONIC DEVICES

CatStop contains a motion sensor. When triggered, it emits a high-frequency alarm imperceptible to humans but highly annoying and startling to cats. Order CatStop online at www.contech-inc.com or call - 1-800-767-8658. Buy it for less through Safe Pet Products. To order and view installation instructions go to www.safepetproducts.com or call 1-888-977-7387.