



How to Keep Cats (and Other Wildlife) Out of Your Yard

1. Push wooden chopsticks or 10-inch plant stakes into flowerbeds every eight inches to discourage digging and scratching.
2. Cats dislike citrus smells. Scatter orange and lemon peels or spray with a citrus-scented solution. Cayenne pepper, coffee grounds, and pipe tobacco also work to repel cats. Some individuals have also suggested lavender oil, lemon grass oil, citronella oil, eucalyptus oil, and mustard oil.
3. Plant the herb rue to repel cats, or sprinkle the dried herb over the garden.
4. Spray cat repellent (available at pet supply stores) around the edges of the yard, the top of fences, and on any favorite digging areas or plants.
5. Cover exposed ground in flowerbeds with large attractive river rocks, to prevent cats from digging; (they have the added benefit of deterring weeds).
6. Try an ultrasonic animal repellent; these products emit ultrasonic waves that only pests can hear. These are available in lawn and garden stores.
7. Use a motion-activated sprinkler. Any cat coming into the yard will be sprayed but unharmed, and it is good for the lawn. These products can be purchased at www.greentouchirrigation.com/scarecrow.html and www.havahart.com/store/animal-repellents/5265.



(ScareCrow

(Havahart Spray Away Motion Activated Water Repellent)



Sprinkler)

8. Use a non-chemical cat and wildlife repellent called CatScat; which are plastic mats with flexible plastic spikes that are pressed into the soil. The spikes are harmless to cats and other animals, but are effective in discouraging excavation. You can purchase CatScat at Gardener's Supply Company, at www.gardeners.com.

