

# Humane Ways to Keep Cats Off Your Property



Apply cat repellent liberally around the edges of the yard, the tops of fences, and on any favorite digging areas or plants. You can purchase these at local pet supply stores and at [www.gardeners.com](http://www.gardeners.com).

Try scattering some natural products around your garden such as cayenne pepper, orange and lemon peels, coffee grounds, pipe tobacco, lavender oil, lemongrass oil, citronella oil, peppermint oil, or mustard oil. You can plant herb rue or Coleus-Cabuba plant as well in your garden.

Install an ultrasonic animal repellent or motion activated water sprinkler such as the ScareCrow or CatStop (contech), available at [www.scatmat.com](http://www.scatmat.com). The CatStop can even be mounted above your cars to stop cats from leaving their marks on your vehicles.

Please consider: There is a reason for the ferals to be where they are whether it be a food source or shelter. If you trap and try to remove the cats you must get all of them. Otherwise the cats that remain behind will reproduce at a much higher rate to compensate for the missing cats. This is called the vacuum effect. You also have to remove the food and shelter source or else you will get a new group of cats, or worse, rodents moving in. Trap-neuter-return is the best way to control the population of feral cats in your neighborhood or community. Through this program cats are trapped, spayed/neutered, vaccinated, ear tipped and then are released back to their original location. The cats will not reproduce and will protect the food source and keep other cats and rodents away.

To schedule a spay/neuter appointment please contact: South Central Spay/Neuter Clinic- 434-207-2612 / [spayneuter@lynchburghumane.org](mailto:spayneuter@lynchburghumane.org)

For more information on ferals go to [www.voicesforanimals.org](http://www.voicesforanimals.org). Information supplied by Alley Cat Allies; [www.alleycat.org](http://www.alleycat.org)