

# CAT DETERRENTS

If you have stray cats entering your yard, there are several things residents can try that may keep cats away from your property

- Spray concentrated orange juice or hang orange or lemon peels in areas where cats are spraying. They are put off by the citrus scent.
- Similarly, some people advocate coffee grounds, blood meal, cayenne pepper, lavender oil, lemon grass oil, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil or citronella oil (don't use citronella-scented lamp oil or torch oil, as these are flammable).
- Get a motion-detecting device that turns on a sprinkler or bright light in response to motion in your yard or garden.
- Squirt a hose at the cat whenever they come by or squat. You just want to shock the cat, not knock the cat over. Some people think a squirt gun works best.
- There are many commercial cat repellants available in garden stores, pet shops and online. Read the directions carefully, and be sure to wear gloves for chemical sprays.
- There are some non-chemical repellants that emit an ultrasonic electric pulse that many cats find annoying.

Cruelty to animals is a serious offense and violators will be prosecuted.  
To report animal abuse, or desertion call:

Arizona Humane Society at (602) 997-7585

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**Phoenix Spay/Neuter (TNR) HotLine:  
602-265-7729**