

Unwanted cats on your property?

FLOWER BEDS:

Option 1:

Talk to the neighbour pleasantly about their unwanted cat in your yard.

Option 2:

Spray the cat with a garden hose. This can be effective if the cat is sprayed every time it enters the yard. There are commercial products that spray with using a motion activated device. Ideal for when residents are not home when the cat visits.

Option 3:

Use an organic deterrent. Meadow Rue and cacti plants will repel cats.

Option 4:

Cat repellants placed near single, prized specimens will deter cats from entering flower beds.

Option 5:

Sprinkle cayenne pepper in the soil where the cat walks. Chili pepper flakes also work.

Option 6:

Use a vinegar/water based solution and spray around acid loving plants

Option 7:

Grind up citrus fruit peels in a blender, and place them around shrubs and plants. Cats dislike the citrus smell. May need to reapply throughout the spring/summer months.

Option 8:

Place moth balls in places where cats congregate.

Option 9:

Cats do not like rocky surfaces, so building a rock garden would be an option.

Option 10:

Place pieces of chicken wire or screening just below the surface of the soil. Use material such as rock chips, bark chips, pine cones or other rough surfaces near plants. Cats do not like to walk on hard, sharp surfaces.

SANDBOXES

Place a cover over the lid of the sandbox when your children are not using it.