

# DETER CATS FROM VISITING YOUR YARD

Did you know?

Free-roaming cats, when not neutered or spayed, will breed and their populations will increase where they find suitable food and water. This may lead to nuisances. Humane approaches must be used when addressing all wildlife and domestic pets.



## MEASURES YOU CAN TAKE TO KEEP CATS OFF YOUR PROPERTY



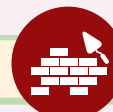
### Remove Food Sources

- Keep bird feeders where cats can't reach them
- Clean up after grilling to remove food source
- Don't feed pets outdoors



### Create Discomfort

- Water sprinklers will scare them away
- Cat repellents include sprays/scents such as citrus smells, coffee grounds. Also, plants such as coleus canina act as a deterrent
- Ultrasonic devices
- Landscape to discourage cats from walking on your property with ground cover or chicken wire to make it difficult for them to walk or dig



### Remove Shelter

- Seal up any entrances or holes in garages or sheds where cats may seek shelter



### Home-based Improvements

- Make trash cans inaccessible
- Monitor property for areas with cat urine and wash away cat urine with enzyme cleaner



### Neighbors with Owned Cats

- Feed your pets inside
- Spay/neuter your pet cat to limit population of unwanted cats and reduce attraction of stray cats to your property
- Keep rabies vaccinations up to date

