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Homemade cat deterrents

What are deterrents?

Deterrents are used to make unwanted cats or other animals uncomfortable being in a certain area, such as your yard. They can be simple and quite effective while not posing any physical danger to the animals.

Below please find some very simple deterrents that you can make in a few minutes at very low cost.

Make your own deterrents

- Vinegar deterrent

What you need: Apple cider vinegar, clean spray bottle, water.

Mix equal parts of vinegar and water in the spray bottle. Spray in areas that you want cats to stay out of. Reapply daily or as needed.

- Essential oils deterrent

What you need: An essential oil (citronella, citrus), spray bottle, water. You should avoid using peppermint and lavender essential oils as they can be harmful to the cats.

Mix one part essential oil to three parts water in the spray bottle. Spray in areas that you want to keep cats out of. Reapply daily or as needed.

- The simplest deterrents

Coffee grounds and citrus peels spread in the area as needed.

Planting cat offensive plants such as coleus canina, or rue.

Many other recipes are available online by searching homemade cat deterrents.

Special cat safety notice

You should always avoid using any homemade cat repellent that contains any chili, cayenne or other hot peppers in your deterrents. These mixtures can actually cause the cats physical harm. You should also avoid using lavender and peppermint essential oils.