

Ideas For Discouraging Cats From Using Your Garden As A Bathroom

- * aluminum foil
- * bramble cuttings
- * cedar compost
- * chicken wire (metal or plastic)
- * cinnamon
- * citrus peels
- * citrus spray
- * cocoa bean shells
- * coffee grounds -fresh & un-brewed and use liberally
- * essence of orange. essence of lemon, lime (citrus essential oils)
- * garlic cloves
- * gumballs from the Sweet Gum Tree
- * gutter covers
- * hardware cloth
- * heavy bark mulch (pine bark or the wood chips. Stuff kitties can't 'kick')
- * holly leaves
- + lavender
- * liquid manure (good for your garden too)
- * motion sensor sprinkler (ANITA'S COMMENT: best for ALL pests, deer, dogs!)
- * pinecones
- * pipe tobacco
- * river rocks over the exposed soil
- * rocks, crushed
- * rose bush clippings
- * squirt gun with water
- * talk to your neighbors
- * thorny berry, lilac, hawthorn, rose clippings
- * upside down vinyl carpet with thorny sides up

Additionally: I've placed a litter box away from my garden with dirt and litter to attract the cats and discourage them from going into the garden. It works but not for all cats.

NOT RECOMMENDED:

*** Never use Chili powder, red crushed pepper, cayenne pepper as it gets on the cat's paws and when they wash themselves they get it in their eyes. Very painful.

*** Don't ever use mothballs or flakes. Those little toxic pellets destroy cats' kidney function, could seriously harm people who handle them, and yes, contaminate your own garden soil. Their packaging even warns against using them this way.