

# 7 Humane Ways to Stop Stray Cats from Using Your Lawn as a Toilet

## 1. Citrus Peels or Citrus Spray

Cats dislike the smell of citrus. Scatter orange, lemon, or lime peels around the lawn, or use a citrus-scented spray. Replace peels regularly as they decay.

## 2. Motion-Activated Sprinklers

Install motion-activated sprinklers in key spots. These surprise cats with a burst of water, which they hate, and also deter other animals.

## 3. Chicken Wire or Garden Mesh

Lay wire mesh just under or on top of the soil or grass. Cats dislike walking on uneven surfaces, making digging uncomfortable.

## 4. Commercial Cat Repellents

Apply granules or sprays formulated to repel cats. Look for non-toxic and pet-safe versions at garden stores or online.

## 5. Coffee Grounds and Pepper

Sprinkle used coffee grounds mixed with black pepper in problem areas. Cats dislike strong smells. Bonus: coffee grounds help enrich the soil.

## 6. Provide a Litter Zone (Decoy Toilet)

Set up a designated sand or mulch patch away from your lawn. Clean it regularly to keep it more appealing than your grass.

## 7. Block Entry or Create Barriers

Trim bushes, install low fencing, or place decorative rocks at entry points. Making your lawn harder to access may deter cats.