

## CAT TRAPPING

The City of Melville does not capture stray and at large cats. Citizens are encouraged to purchase a humane cat trap to trap unwanted cats. The City will lend out humane traps to residents between April 1 and October 31 with a contract to be signed and agreed upon. Traps are not to be used when temp. is below -6 C or above +25 C . The City of Melville will pick up cats trapped in a City trap. City traps can be borrowed for three days at a time on a first come first served basis. There is a refundable \$75.00 deposit for each trap. It is illegal to put an animal in distress, so you will need to check the trap every hour and will have to provide food, water and shelter for the trapped cat until it is turned over to the City. Only place the trap on your own property. The cat must also not be injured by the method you use to trap and transport it. Traps **MUST NOT** be set on Statutory Holidays, after 4:00p.m. or on week-ends.



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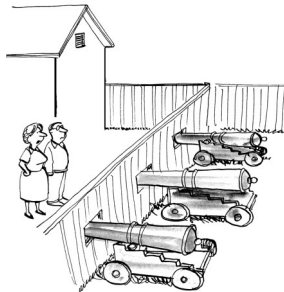
## Cat Deterrents for Homeowners



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## Unwanted Cats on Property

If you have an unwanted cat on your property, Politely ask your neighbor to keep their cats on their own property. If you do not know who the owner is or if speaking with your neighbor did not solve the problem, you may want to make your property less inviting to the animal.



BE A GOOD  
NEIGHBOUR!

"Did we do something to upset the neighbors?"

### Ultrasonic Motion Deterrents

When the device is activated it will emit a high frequency alarm that is imperceptible to people but annoying to cats. Place this device near entry points to the property or near problem areas.



### Sonic and Ultrasonic Motion Deterrents

Much like the ultrasonic motion deterrents, this device can be set to emit a high frequency alarm that is annoying to cats or sonic predator sounds which are audible to cats and humans. Place this device or near problem areas.



### Motions Activated Sprinkler

A motion activated sprinkler that instantly releases a short startling burst of water when it detects any motion in a yard.



### Scent Deterrents

There are scent deterrents on the market that you can purchase. Some scent alternatives would be any of the following plants. Coleus Canina, also known as the Scaredy cat plant, Helichrysum Italicum, known as the Curry herb plant, Lemon Balm plant, Rosemary, or Lavender. Planting these plants along the borders of a garden or flowerbed may stop cats from entering the area. Property owners may also choose to plant prickly bushes to keep cats out of flowerbeds and gardens.

### Digging Deterrents

There are a number of ways you can make your garden less inviting. Cats can be trained not to enter your yard simply by making your property unpleasant.

- Place mesh netting (angled outwards) or PVC at the top of your fence to prevent cats from climbing over
- Place chicken wire just below the surface of your flowerbeds to discourage digging and cover the bed with bark or gravel so it is rough
- Place a mat that has plastic spikes on it in garden areas or flower beds or near items to be protected such as flower pots, base of trees or shrubs, along fence line to keep cats from entering your yard.
- Use large rocks or rough surfaced rocks to cover the ground, or place rocks into pots to prevent cats from digging.
- Lay lattice on the ground and plant in the openings