

CRITTER Problems?

Try some of these other ideas to keep critters out of your trash.

KEEP ANIMALS OUT OF YOUR TRASH WITH A FEW HOMEMADE SPRAYS THAT WILL DETER, BUT NOT HARM, THE ANIMALS.

• **SMELLY SPRAYS**

Spray strong scented ammonia, Clorox, Windex, PineSol or Lysol on bags. You can also spray on ground next to trash carts or hang a scented cloth on the lid of the cart.

• **ADD MOTHBALLS**

Raccoons find the scent of mothball unpleasant. Throw a few in your trash bags.

• **DOUBLE BAG IT**

Use two trash bags to keep the scent from escaping.

• **MOTION SENSOR LIGHTS**

If you have motion lights, set your trash can near them. This will help deter any nighttime critters.

RECIPES:

Hot Pepper Spray

- One chopped yellow onion,
- One chopped Jalapeno or Habanero pepper
- Tablespoon of cayenne pepper.

Mix it with two quarts of water, boil for 20 minutes, cool and strain. Fill a garden pesticide spray or spray bottle and spray around the area where trash carts sit, inside and outside of the cart and lid, and on top of the bags.

Vinegar or Ammonia Spray

- 50% Water
- 50% Vinegar

Mix a solution of vinegar and water and pour in a spray bottle. Spray the ground around trash carts and on the outside of carts and lids. Alternatively, use ammonia or Clorox, with a similarly strong scent, full strength or diluted with water, to make a spray.