

# 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.