Luckily cat’s are creatures of habit and any disruption to their routines makes them easy to deter. The following methods have proven to be effective within 10-14 days of use. Every situation and property is unique, I am happy to provide any assistance for deterrent placement and use.

**Devices:** We sell both options at the shelter, or you may purchase online

My deterrent of choice is the Hoont Ultrasonic device. It has a range of 30ft that will emit a high frequency sound (we do not hear it but they do) to scare them away. Equipped with an optional flashing LED light and an infrared motion sensor, the pest repeller is activated as soon as the animal is detected within the 30ft range. The device has different frequency and sensitivity settings for each species of animal so it will not harm humans or any other animals in the surrounding area. **SOLAR POWERED & EASY TO INSTALL** – No wiring and no batteries to replace or recharge; features a solar panel on top of the device that harnesses the sun’s energy. Can be used simply by placing into the ground or secured to poles, trees, railings, etc. **ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY** – No messy chemicals or pesticides, no traps, no dead animals.

![Hoont Ultrasonic device](image)

Device settings:

L: 30khz-60khz to repel small animals (mice, rats, chickens, rabbits, mongoose)

M: 25khz-50khz to repel medium sized animals (cats)

H: 15khz-24khz to repel larger animals (large dogs, deer, pig)
The second is a sprinkler attachment also with a range of 30ft. POWERFUL & EFFECTIVE - The Hoont Water Jet Blaster Animal Repeller is a motion activated water sprinkler, equipped with an advanced animal detection technology, which ensures accurate and quick activation to repel animals as soon as it enters. A powerful yet harmless jet of water gets sprayed as soon as it detects an animal. Choose the area where animals are roaming, insert the Hoont Motion Activated Sprinkler pest control unit into the ground using the provided stake and connect to a garden hose. The water sprayer is fully adjustable; allowing to point exactly which area should get protected and sprayed, and to select the distance of coverage. The jet of water is activated for approximately 5 seconds. Animals are frightened by this jet of water and immediately leave the monitored area. The jet of water is only reactivated when movement is once again detected. This ensures high effectiveness with very low water consumption.

https://www.amazon.com/Hoont-Activated-Solar-Powered-Ultrasonic/dp/B074T1VC2V/ref=sr_1_4?crid=FXRNVWHB8AOT&dchild=1&keywords=hoont+ultrasonic+pest+repeller&qid=1591741969&s=lawn-garden&sprefix=hoont+ult%2Clawn-garden%2C257&sr=1-4


https://www.amazon.com/Blaster-Activated-Sprinkler-Repellent-Hoont/dp/B07FP9PSWL/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2H706Y3B5GMFG&dchild=1&keywords=hoont+jet+blaster&qid=1591741268&s=lawn-garden&sprefix=hoont+je%2Clawn-garden%2C257&sr=1-1

https://hoont.com/?post_type=product&s=water+blaster
Digging/Defecating/Urinating:

The most effective way to keep this from happening is to make the ground less attractive for digging. CatScat Mat is the most effective.

It is a roll out plastic mat with soft spikes (they will not cause injury) but it will provide enough of an unpleasant sensation that the cats will not want to return to. The mat can be laid out in one or multiple areas you are having these problems in. They are sold in different dimensions depending on where you purchase them from. I have seen different colors such as black, green, white and clear to blend into landscaping and the aesthetic of the property. Depending on your problem area you may easily cut the mat to properly suit your trouble areas.

https://www.amazon.com/Prickle-Anti-Cats-Network-Repellent-Deterrent/dp/B07SDCK7WJ

https://www.amazon.com/Homarden-Square-Digging-Deterrent-Plastic/dp/B07R4PZM17/ref=p_d_lpo_86_t_0/137-8234009-4394030?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=B07R4PZM17&pd_rd_r=b5700429-9cd0-4254-953d-90b720348b41&pd_rd_w=CEgHZ&pd_rd_wg=GLD3O&pf_rd_p=7b36d496-f366-4631-94d3-61b87b52511b&pf_rd_r=YAGVM1A6TEJ9JDCD60G4&psc=1&refRID=YAGVM1A6TEJ9JDCD60G4
For gardens:

People have even had success laying out a small piece of lattice fencing flat on the ground at night covered with rocks (either decorative or what you may have in your area) at night when these cats are the most active and remove during the day. Peat moss may also be placed in trouble spots temporarily with the same effectiveness.

Cleaning solution:

1 part distilled white vinegar to 10 parts water in a spray bottle can be used as a cleaning solution to help remove the pheromone cat's smell and use to return to their “bathroom area”

Scent repellents:

Sometimes report working well, other times not at all. Effectiveness is maximized by placing or spraying them around the edges of the area being protected, including on top of fences, and on any favorite digging spots or plants. They often need to be replenished after it rains, especially the spray varieties. Scatter fragrant items that don’t appeal to a cat’s sense of smell, like fresh orange or lemon peels, organic citrus-scented sprays, coffee grounds, vinegar, pipe tobacco, or oil of lavender, lemongrass, citronella, or eucalyptus.

Establishing a litter box

This method is used in severe cases when cats are defecating in multiple inappropriate areas and you are wanting to move this to a designated area. This new area should be far from common and high traffic areas. This method is usually taken on by the caretaker (as any domestic cat owner would do) and all necessary hygienic practices should be followed. This can be done by tilling the soil or placing sand in an out-of-the-way spot in your yard. Keep it clean and free of deposits. That way they have a designated area where urine/feces smell is always present and they will want to mark here, rather than an unmarked area.

Options include:

- A large pile of peat moss approximately 4 feet square and 8 inches deep.
- A sandbox, using regular "kiddie sandbox" sand.
- Fill a large Rubbermaid storage bin with a few inches of kiddie sandbox sand.

Cut a doorway 8 inches by 8 inches in the bin just above the level of the sand. For extra cleanliness, instead of sand, put a litterbox with regular litter inside the bin. To attract the cats to their new bathroom, place a couple of pieces of the cats' poop in the new digs (while wearing gloves or using pooper scooper, of course!) To reduce odor, replace the peat moss, sand or litter regularly. Occasional scooping helps!
Identifying and Eliminating Attractants

● Open Garbage cans and left over food (as seen below)
● Other feeders or food sources on property
● Garden or soil areas being used for digging
● In Tact animals on or around the property
● Rodents
● Leftover food from pet dogs or cat's in the area

Solutions: Identifying attractants with the use of recommended deterrents will successfully keep unwanted strays from returning to the property. It is important to remember that these cats are “wild“and do not want to be near us if they do not need to be.

● Securing garbage bins
● Removing your pet’s food and cleaning the area when they are finished eating
● Having cat's trapped and brought in for FREE spay/neuter. Spaying and neutering is proven to decrease marking, fighting, aggression, yowling and roaming by reducing the hormones/pheremones that cause these nuisance issues
● If someone is feeding the cat's in an area that is causing negative attention or a nuisance it is possible to move a feeding station far away and to a more appropriate, neutral area. This can be done as long as food is moved a few feet every day. This person may be establishing a feeding time to have the cat's trapped for spay/neuter so it is best to work with them rather than against.