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## Garden Happenings

What crazy, extraordinary weather we are having this May and June. Certain vegetables are slow to be available at the nurseries. I could not even find pole beans from seed this week! I did get my veggies in this week, now I am waiting for the sun to return!!!



Many of you have asked how to keep cats out of your garden. It can be tough but rest assured there are natural ways to keep kitties out of your garden beds.

### Natural Cat Repellents

**Orange and lemon peels, Dried mustard, Dried rosemary, Coffee grounds, Lavender oil, Lemongrass**

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## June Garden Tips From Your Garden Coach

- > Mulch, Mulch, Mulch. Add a 3"-4" layer of micro bark to your gardens, being careful not to put right up to the roots of existing plants, as they need to breathe. This helps on weed prevention, helps keep the water in as we heat up in the summer months and eventually will break down and help build up a good soil texture. Every few years just replenish the mulch and very soon you will have great soil in which to plant.
- > Don't cut your lawns shorter than 2"-3" in height.
- > Remove spent blooms on roses, cut just above a leaf with 5 or more leaflets, at an angle so the water runs off it.

**oil, Blood meal, Eucalyptus oil  
Peppermint oil and Cinnamon oil.**

It's fairly simple to apply these scents, particularly the scented oils. Fill a spray bottle with warm water, and add in five to ten drops of oil. Mix well and spray the plants and grass with the mixture. A few squirts should suffice. If one particular scent doesn't work by itself, try combining a few together. The smell of citrus is also unpleasant for cats. Lemon peels and orange peels or cloths sprayed with citrus scent can be placed around the perimeter of the house to keep cats away.

If you do have a garden, there are certain plants you can add that are natural cat repellants. You can border your garden with the following herbs to prevent cats from coming into your yard.

**Plant Repellents**

**Rosemary, Garlic, Citronella, Lavender, Lemongrass,  
Eucalyptus, Rue**

Ammonia is another scent that can work as a cat repellent. Spraying the perimeter of your house with ammonia will keep cats away. This is due to the ammonia having a smell resembling that of other animals. The odor is very strong and doesn't take a large amount to accomplish this.

[Read More](#) about making homemade solutions.

Here's an example of a corner lot with a neglected side yard that needed upgrading to match the front yards curb appeal.

**Before:** Retaining wall ends at corner, and there is no transition with side yard.

> Feed Azaleas, Rhododendron's and Camellia's with an acid fertilizer

> Feed fruit trees with Ammonium Sulphate, a ratio of 11-21-0.

> Feed your citrus monthly with regular light citrus fertilizers and quarterly with Iron Sulfate when they yellow.

## JUNE VIDEO TIP

In this month's video I talk about taking care of Oak trees, plants that are deer resistant and adding some art to your outdoor space. Enjoy!

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