

Providing an Outdoor Litter Box

For more than 10,000 years, domestic cats lived largely outdoor lives. Up to only 60 years ago, few domestic felines lived entirely indoors at all. Not until relatively recently, with the introduction and mass production of kitty litter, did cats use anything other than outdoor bathrooms!

By creating an outdoor litter area, you can help prevent colony cats from using neighborhood gardens as litter boxes. By building one or more litter boxes or placing piles of sand or peat moss in strategic areas, you can help deter “nuisance” behavior that often is a source of neighborhood conflict. (Never use conventional litter – it wasn’t created for outdoor use in all kinds of weather.)

Place the litter area in a quiet, sheltered and unobtrusive space. Scoop regularly to avoid odors and flies. You will need to scoop more often in hot and humid weather.

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Create a frame using pressure-treated timber and metal brackets. If you are unable to construct this step, you can simply prepare the ground area by digging about 8 inches below grade.



Next, sprinkle a thin layer of pulverized limestone and top with a layer of mulch. Then finish it off with a layer of about 3 to 4 inches of sand.

