



# Keeping squirrels away – The humane way

*A few tips and tricks from the Green Line, DDO*

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS



### Feeding wildlife is prohibited

In accordance with **Article 30 of the Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife (C-61.1)**: “No person may use a substance, object, animal or domestic animal to attract or attempt to attract an animal or class of animals, except on the conditions determined by regulation of the Minister. No person may feed or attempt to feed an animal or class of animals except on the conditions determined by regulation of the Minister.”

Violating this rule is **subject to fines**. More info at: [legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca](http://legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca)



### Remove bird feeders

Bird feeders are a **major squirrel attractant**. It's best to remove feeders completely.



### Consistency is key

Most repellents must be **reapplied every few days or after rain**. Use a **combination** of methods for best results.

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## REPELLENT METHODS



### Apple cider vinegar spray (Safe for pets and kids)

Mix equal parts water and apple cider vinegar in a spray bottle. Spray around garden beds, deck posts, and garbage bins. The smell deters squirrels but is harmless to pets and children.



### Peppermint oil cotton balls (Safe for pets and kids)

Soak cotton balls in peppermint oil and place them in areas squirrels frequent. Refresh every few days. Strong scent deters squirrels naturally.



### Irish spring soap shavings (Safe for pets and kids)

Shave bars of Irish Spring soap and scatter around gardens or entry points.



### Spread of dog hair (Safe for pets and kids)

Sprinkle your dog's brushed hair across your lawn and garden.

Squirrels detect predators and will avoid the area. Bonus: Natural and chemical-free deterrent.





## PHYSICAL BARRIERS & NON-REPELLENT METHODS

### Seal entry points (Safe for pets and kids)

Inspect attics, roofs, and walls for small openings. Seal with metal flashing or steel mesh, as it prevents nesting and damage.

### Trim tree branches (Safe for pets and kids)

Squirrels use branches as bridges to access roofs and attics. Keep branches at least 8-10 feet away from your house.

### Motion-activated sprinklers (Safe for pets and kids)

Install sprinklers that activate when movement is detected, which startles squirrels without causing harm.

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## UNSAFE FOR PETS AND KIDS SECTION

### Ultrasonic repellents (**Not safe for pets and kids**)

Devices emit high-pitched sounds to deter rodents. May affect pet behavior or hearing—**not recommended** in homes with cats or dogs.

### Capsaicin-based sprays (**Not safe for pets and kids**)

These sprays contain hot pepper extract and can irritate pets or children if touched or ingested. **Use with gloves and keep out of reach.**

### Garlic and cayenne mix (**Not safe for pets**)

Homemade repellent using crushed garlic, cayenne pepper, and water. **Can irritate pets' paws, eyes, and digestive systems.**



## SOME STORE-PRODUCTS EXAMPLES

Critter Ridder Animal Repellent 1 kg (**NOT SAFE FOR PETS AND KIDS**)

Repellent 'Scram' - Coyote urine 250ml (**SAFE FOR PETS AND KIDS**)

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