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Birds and wild animals getting into your trash?



Critters may be attracted to your garbage can, Green Can, or even recycling, but there are steps you can take to ward them off.

Use the tips below to avoid attracting troublesome pests to your property and trash cans.

Get Rid of Animal Attractants



It's not just garbage attracting animals to your property. If you have any of the following attractants on your property, consider moving them to a secure location or managing them so they are not accessible to unwanted wildlife:

- animal waste
- bird feeders
- feeding pets outside
- fruit trees/fallen fruit
- garbage or Green Cans without lids/secure lids
- open compost

Manage Your Cans



Prevent attracting animals and make your bins tamper resistant to animals. Here are a few suggestions:



Tips: Green Can / Garbage Can

- Freeze food before collection day to avoid odors
- Wrap food in newsprint or paper bags
- Use sturdy cans with secure lids
- Keep cans in garage or shed during the week
- Use bungee cord or weight on lid; remove for collection
- Put cans out as close to collection time (7:30am) as possible
- Keep cans clean by rinsing with soapy water; leaving soap residue may also mask food odors
- Try sprinkling peppermint leaves or strong peppermint tea or oil in or around cans to repel rats and mice



Tips: Recycling

- Always rinse plastic containers that once held food or drink
- Do not put food-soiled cardboard in recycling bags/containers



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