

## Coon Conundrum Solutions

First off, we'd like to thank all of you who responded to us with your creative raccoon proofing solutions. Funny enough, some of them coincided with the old wives tales we had been reading about. In this "Tip of the Month", we will focus on three great ways to stop raccoon in their tracks.

### 1 - Moth Balls

For some reason, raccoons seem to dislike the scent of mothballs. While over at a customer's home, we noticed a soup bag tied around the handle of their green bin, tucked into the bin. She told us that ever since she started hanging mothballs in her green bin, she hasn't had a single raccoon problem.

**Tip:** Placing the mothballs in a soup bag/stocking and tying it to the green bin allows you to leave it attached on garbage day and it won't end up tossed in the truck with the trash, saving you from buying more every week.

**Warning:** Mothballs were created to kill moths. Keep that in mind when using this method of raccoon repelling as it may not be best in certain neighbourhoods where moths are prevalent.

### 2 - Hanging Out

A second method we've heard from many of you to keep raccoons out of your green bins is hanging them off your home, garage or shed. Just 6 inches off the ground is all you need to prevent those rascals from getting on top your green bit and tipping them over.

However, this may be difficult for the senior community because green bins can get quite heavy, but rest assured, if you have the strength to lift your green bin when full this will stop them in there tracks.

**Tip:** If you choose to hang the green bin from a wooden structure be sure you get the hook in to a stud of the wall, or give us a call.

### 3 - Hot Dang !

The third and final way to fight back is with fire... well not quite but, it sure does burn: it's a solution of cayenne, hot sauce and water. Fill a garden sprayer with 3 tbsp cayenne powder, 2 cups of super spicy hot sauce, and 4 litres of water. Mix well and spray it around your green bin. Raccoons hate the smell of cayenne and this home remedy repellent make them keep their distance.

The con to this form of fighting raccoons is that after every rain fall, it must be reapplied. The good news is that this home remedy makes plenty of repellant and will last quite a while before you need to make a new batch.