

## HOMEFRONT



NIXALITE

**Discourage birds from leaving their mark on your house.**

### GARDEN

#### **Bird-proofing**

Don't let bird droppings ruin the appeal of your home — or impair your health.

Droppings can transmit bird-borne diseases and destroy building products, damage roofs, clog gutters, discolor paint and short-out electrical equipment.

Here are some bird-proofing tips from Cory Gellerstedt, an authority on humane bird control:

- Identify type and number of birds causing the problem; note the areas they are landing and roosting; and eliminate food and water sources, if possible. Check with your local health department for proper bird-dropping disposal methods.

- Effective bird-proofing devices include "porcupine wire" or Nixalite stainless-steel bird-control wire strips, and in some cases, nonlethal chemical repellents and scare devices. Sticky pastes and ultrasonic devices are not recommended.

For more information, visit [www.nixalite.com](http://www.nixalite.com), call (309) 755-8771 or e-mail [birdcontrol@nixalite.com](mailto:birdcontrol@nixalite.com).

#### **Desperate landscapes**

Are you a front-yard offender?

DIY Network is launching the first America's Most Desperate Landscape Search.

People with "desperate landscapes" are invited to submit photos and videos to [DIYnetwork.com](http://DIYnetwork.com).

Entrants chosen can win an outdoor makeover by "Desperate Landscapes" host and licensed contractor Jason Cameron and his TV-show crew.

The renovation will be featured on an episode later this year.

DIY's third season of "Desperate Landscapes" premieres at 9 p.m. Tuesday.

For more information, go to [www.DIYnetwork.com](http://www.DIYnetwork.com).

#### **Wheelbarrow has spout**

True Temper's EZ Pour Spout Wheelbarrow lets you pour out the contents more accurately.

The wheelbarrow is designed to simplify depositing loads, such as mulch, gravel and soil. It holds 6 cubic feet and has braces designed for stability and additional support for heavy loads. Leg stabilizers are meant to improve control and maneuverability.

The wheelbarrow is available at Home Depot for \$89.95 or more.

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#### **Cable control**

Struggling to tame that unsightly and unsafe wiring octopus behind your entertainment center, credenza or desk?

Beyond the aesthetic benefit of getting electric cables and wires under control, doing so also eliminates menacing household hazards, including fire, trips, falls and electric shock to small children and/or pets.

The award-winning eTailer [cableorganizer.com](http://cableorganizer.com) offers quick-fix cable managers, ranging in price from 55 cents to \$544.

For more information, go to [www.cableorganizer.com](http://www.cableorganizer.com), or call (866) 222-0030.

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