Pine martens are curious creatures and, like all animals, will seek out food and safe shelter. For home owners wishing to deter a pine marten that is present around their property, it is advisable to avoid leaving out food for pets at night time, and to ensure that food waste is out of reach.

A pine marten can easily access food waste dumped in a wheelie bin by manoeuvering the lid open and shut, and by climbing in and out of the bin. The Binstrap has been designed to keep bin lids closed to prevent animals from getting into bins, and to reduce waste and plastic escaping into the environment.

This product has been trialed on a wheelie bin that was regularly visited by a pine marten and it successfully kept the animal from entering the bin for food. The strap can be attached using either a drill-on or a bond-on strap, both of which are easy to install. The strap clips to the frame of the bin to keep the lid securely closed and is easily unclipped to open the lid.

Please see the accompanying video from the Householders section of pinemarten.ie demonstrating a pine marten attempting to gain access to a wheelie bin before and after the use of a Binstrap.
pinemarten.ie — a national resource about pine martens in Ireland

Front of Binstrap

Back of Binstrap

Binstrap with lock washer
How to fit and use the Binstrap

The Binstrap drill-on strap

1. Hook the Binstrap onto the bin, making sure the strap seals the bin lid closed. Mark location of hole onto bin lid. Using an 8mm drill bit, drill a hole into bin lid.

2. Push supplied tab piece into the Binstrap.

3. Fit the Binstrap to the bin lid and secure with the supplied lock washer, making sure the domed surface faces downward.

4. Press the lock washer on as far as possible to secure it.

5. The Binstrap will now keep the bin sealed.

6. Swing the Binstrap to the left or right to accommodate bin collection.
How to fit and use the Binstrap

The Binstrap bond-on strap

1. Remove adhesive backing from the Binstrap.

2. Make sure the bonding surface of the lid is clean and dry. Hook the Binstrap under the top shelf of the wheelie bin.

3. Pull the Binstrap and press the adhesive down on the wheelie bin for 15 seconds until a good bond has formed.

4. To make it easier for bin collection, unhook and rotate the Binstrap out of the way.

Note: Do not overstretch the Binstrap, and keep the Binstrap out of direct sunlight.