

Deer Resistant Gardening Tips

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Building A Deer Resistant Landscape

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Scouting Mission

Deer are homebodies and creatures of habit. As long as there is a reliable food source, they will keep returning at about the same time, using the same route.

Plan Out Your Design

Incorporate drifts and large groups of deer resistant plants among various plant types that deer generally avoid. By doing so, you can disguise some of the damage they may cause without sacrificing an entire garden space.

Creatively Alter Entry And Exit Points

Consider incorporating berms, terraces, or steps at known entry and exit points. A deer's depth perception is very limited and by creating different levels it can be uncomfortable for them to navigate.

Add Deterrents + Borders

Windchimes & Spinners: Sudden noises and movement often startle deer, which can be helpful in keeping them moving

Repellents: Consider deer specific repellent sprays or applying a natural fertilizer such as fish emulsion or blood meal that deer dislike.

Natural Barriers: Utilize thorny bushes or plants with a strong fragrance as natural borders to keep them from grazing.

Change Up Your Habits

Cut back on the amount of nitrogen rich fertilizers you use. These promote quick flushes of soft new growth that deer can't say no to. You can also change up when and how much you water. Instead of daily watering's, try once or twice a week. Water early in the morning so the leaves are dry by the evening when deer are starting to scout for water and food.



4 Types of Plants Deer Avoid

If they are hungry enough and food resources are scarce they will eat them anyway.

Herbal Scented Plants

These plants have a distinct herbal/citrus scent when their foliage is cut or crushed and are generally safe from deer.

Fuzzy Foliaged Plants

Some plants have foliage that is covered in tiny hairs that make them feel fuzzy, scratchy or prickly in a deer's mouth.

Poisonous Plants

Deer intuitively know which plants can make them sick so they typically avoid them. Be mindful of what you plant and do your research because there are different levels of toxicity.

Finely Textured Plants

Deer would need to consume a whole lot of finely textured plants to satisfy their hunger. They would rather go after the more scrumptious offerings that will fill them up faster.

Deer Repellent Products We Recommend

Alternate repellents for best results.

Deer Scram (Granular)

Deer Scram is an all natural, fully organic, and biodegradable granular deer-control - 24 hours a day.

Everguard Deer + Rabbit Repellent (RTU Spray)

Everguard Deer & Rabbit Repellent Ready To Use Spray is long lasting, has a non-offensive odor, and is safe around kids and pets

Repels All Animal Repellent (Granular / RTU Spray)

Repels-All acts as a natural deterrent by using natural ingredients that produce a strong smell to deter animals without causing them harm.

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