Rabbit Resistant Gardening Tips

No garden is deer proof. However, as gardeners we need to creatively coexist amongst them and create a positive, stressfree experience.

Keeping Rabbits Out Of The Garden

When a rabbits food source is limited you may find that your go-to methods won't always keep them away.

Exclude Them

Fencing is the top choice - (minimum of 2 feet tall) but also bury it about 6 inches and fold the bottom out to keep the burrowing bunnies out

<u>Limit Hiding Places</u>

Tall grass, wood piles, sheds, an open deck are all great places that rabbits like to hide from predators. Eliminate these and with time you should see fewer rabbits calling your garden home.

Select Rabbit Resistant Plants

Create a garden that incorporates an assortment of plants that rabbits tend not to favor.

Give Rabbits A Scare

Have a dog let them run freely around the yard, this is one of the most effective methods gardeners have found. If you don't have a dog try fake owls, hanging aluminum pie plates, or flashing lights, remember mix it up, rabbits tend to catch on quite quickly.

<u>Use Rabbit Repellents</u>

Repellents work by be omitting a scent that rabbits find repulsive or that make plants taste bad. Generally flavor based repellents are more effective. Be sure to read all labels and apply based on the intstrucitons provided.

Embrace Weeds

Clover and violets are rabbit magnets, but they are also two plants many gardeners work to remove from lawns and planting beds. Leave them be in few key spots and you have a happy rabbit and an even happier gardener.

Encourage Predators

Owls, hawks, snakes, and foxes are just a few natural predators for rabbits. Having a wildlife-friendly yard will make them feel welcome and in return they will keep the rabbit population in check.

4 Types of Plants Rabbits Avoid

If they are hungry enough, 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 rabbits

Poisonous Plants

Rabbits 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 various levels of toxicity.

<u>Fuzzy Foliaged Plants</u>

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

Finely Textured Plants

Rabbit's 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.

Rabbit Repellent Products We Recommend

Alternate repellents for best results

<u>Rabbit Scram (Granular)</u>

Rabbit 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, non offensive order, and its 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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