

Deer Repellents

Repellents that can be purchased:

- 1) Deer Away – It is safe for use around gardens, lawns, trees, etc. Also this product comes in a convenient spray bottle for easy use.
- 2) Shake Away – This is a powdered coyote urine, which can be applied around vegetable garden borders etc. It will not harm the gardens or plants.

Remember when using any of products such as these that they will need to be reapplied after inclement weather. Or used on a weekly to bi-weekly basis.

Home made repellents:

- 1) Place crushed chili peppers in a gallon of water and allow to sit for several days. Strain the mixture into a pump sprayer and apply to the perimeter of your property. The more peppers that you use the more potent the mixture will be.
- 2) Hang fabric softener strips or bars of strongly scented soap in trees around your property. The more fragrant the better as these sweet smelling aromas will cause deer to steer clear of your yard.
- 3) Dogs are a great way to repel deer from your yard.
- 4) Take a metal bucket and tie nuts and bolts to the sides. Suspend the bucket by the handle between trees. When the wind blows it creates noise, which will keep deer away. This will also work if the deer hit the bucket or the twine.
- 5) Display pie pans in direct sunlight. The reflection can deter deer during the daylight hours.
- 6) Add the scent of other animals to your garden; dog clippings for instance can be picked up from a local groomer.
- 7) Plant plants that deer do not like for instance, garlic, thorn bushes, bamboo, and various trees, John's Wart, Poppy and most strong smelling herbs.

Motion Activated Water Sprayers:

There are a number of these out on the market, which can be purchased. For instance 2 models that I have found are:

- 1) Spray Away – covers an area of up to 1000 square feet.
- 2) The Scarecrow, which will cover an area of up to 1200 square feet.

These types of repellents require a dedicated hose and a 9-volt battery. They will run you in price approximately \$58.00 to \$74.00. Not including taxes and shipping.

Electronic & Ultrasonic Controllers:

There are a few models out there on the market as well. They consist of a bright light or strobe light attached to an fm radio speaker. When it is activated by motion it will shine the light and the radio will sound which will scare the deer away from your property.

I have found a couple of models on the internet, which run from \$68.00 not including taxes and shipping. One model is battery operated and the other is AC or battery.

I found a couple of good sites for a person to start at:

- 1) ehow.com – which has a great number of home ideas for people to try.
- 2) Just checked out various companies, which sell deer repellent products.