

Deer Repellant Methods



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This article includes some of the most effective ways to repel deer on your property.

The problem of deer in urban areas is a real one. There are numerous reasons that deer roam our neighborhoods unabated, mowing down plants in their paths, but that is beyond the scope of this article.

The Best Offense is a Great Defense!

Deer will probably try any plant at least once to see if it is tasty. If they like the plant, they will remember where it is located and return for more. One of the great things about native plants is that they evolved with deer pressure. When deer nibble on natives, it is rather like pruning a plant; it will come back, usually even sturdier. The trick is to keep deer from decimating your plants, and that can be accomplished in several ways.

- 1) Offer a variety of native plants for deer to choose from.
- 2) Plant deer deterrent plants around your “good” plants. Deer don’t like plants that have a strong aroma or a prickly texture. Native grasses and sedges are great choices. Herbs are also effective.
- 3) Use a combination of the following methods. The best thing is to deter the deer from coming onto your property. This may involve fencing, or something as simple as redirecting them from the path that they take to come onto your property.

Sonic repellant: [Sonic Deer Repellant](#)

Deer Spray: [Deer spray](#)

This is the highest rated spray I could find. It might be worth buying and using on plants around the pool and deck area as that is easier to access.

The following items are available at most hardware stores. These links provide examples of these items.

Electric fencing:

Wiring: [Tractor Supply](#)

Posts: [Tractor Supply](#)

Charger: [Tractor Supply](#)

Great article on specifics of electric fencing for deer barriers: [Deer Fencing Principles](#)