

REPELLENTS FOR DEER AND RABBITS

THIRAM (may be sold under different brand names): This is the most effective repellent for deer, rabbits, and some rodents. It is not labeled for use on edible plants/vegetables! Read and follow label directions.

PUTRESCENT EGG SOLIDS (sold under several different brand names): You guessed it – this is just a fancy name for rotten eggs. This can be an effective repellent for deer, rabbits, and some rodents. Read and follow label directions.

HOME REMEDIES (human hair, soap, etc.): These do not work reliably. Some research showed that deer had to come within 3 inches of soap in order for it to act as a repellent. Some animals become accustomed to these smells and tend to ignore them.

AUDIO/VISUAL SCARE TACTICS (cannons, exploders, etc.): These may work for a very short time. Deer tend to ignore these when they realize that there is no real danger.

OTHER OPTIONS

FENCING: The following links will give you an idea of the types of fencing that are effective. Additionally, many companies offer fencing systems for deer and rabbit exclusion.

<http://www.extension.org/faq/36502>

http://www.extension.org/pages/Deer_Damage_Management

USE DEER-RESISTANT PLANTS: Several Extension Services have researched and reported on plants that deer don't seem to like as well. (But remember that some deer may not have read the list...)

<http://www.wvu.edu/~Agexten/hortcult/treeshru/resistan.htm>

<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/ces/pubs/Pdf/FS655.pdf>

HUNTING: Get the appropriate licenses and make sure you are permitted to hunt where you live before hunting. Hunting is typically restricted in suburban areas. Check Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's site for more info. <http://fw.ky.gov/>

**Remember it is typically not possible to eliminate all risk,
even when using one or more of these control options.**