

Several people suggested we post this on our website, so here it is. This is harmless to any animals; the smell is what makes the deer want to avoid eating the plant.

Deer Repellant for Your Garden

The following recipe came from the owner of The Greenhouse Nursery in Port Angeles. When you first start, spray every 2 weeks. After the first month, you can drop back to a once-a-month schedule.

Into a 1 gallon tank sprayer put:

- 1 c. sour milk, yogurt, sour cream, or buttermilk
- 2 eggs, beaten & strained (if you omit the straining, you'll plug up your sprayer)
- 5 drops liquid dish soap
- 5 drops (or more, up to 1 t.) cooking oil (I use chili oil)
- 20 drops essential oil of cloves (I get it at the Co-op)
- Top off the sprayer with water

Lightly mist all plants, just to moisten, not to run-off. Apply when the leaves are dry and no rain is expected for the day. We start very early in the spring; it is also necessary later in the fall (October) when the deer are trying to fatten up for the winter.