

## Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

### Dear Deer!



Foxglove, AKA digitalis is toxic to deer.



The hellebores may protect the azalea in the forefront from dining deer.

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#### Deer Deterrents

Many people have experimented with deer deterrents. Other than allowing your dogs to roam the perimeter, installing fencing around the area, or putting wire around every single plant, I have not found that any of these worked. Give any a try and let me know if you are successful.

1. Sprays that include rotten eggs, panther urine, garlic, and soap. If sprayed everywhere every few days, you might be in luck. Deer Away and Liquid Fence have been mentioned as effective when used according to directions.
2. Motion-activate sprinklers. They do work to scare the deer away, but I hate wasting a drop of water.
3. Whirly flags or spin wheels, but you'd need a dozen or more.
4. Shaved soap, usually Irish Spring. I think the herbivores loved the clean scent.

When the foraging pickings are slim, the deer adapt to whatever is available. In autumn, deer lack sustainable food resources. Our lush landscapes are extremely attractive to them. As you decide what to plant this season, select smartly and with the knowledge that no plant is deer-proof.

We are all part of this earth. Do your best to get along with our nature's brothers and sisters.

Dear deer!

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.



Because of their waxy leaves and strong fragrance, tangerines and all citrus trees are deer-resistant.



Agaves deter deer, even in pots on sheds.

Photos Cynthia Brian