

Deer Repellent:

Here is my home made recipe for deer repellent which is derived from searching " deer repellent & eggs" on the internet.

It also closely resembles the ingredients in Liquid Fence which could only be purchased in the US a few years ago. The only difference is LF has Xanthum Gum as a sticking agent. My recipe doesn't have that so more frequent applications are required.

In a 1 gallon plastic jug (gatorade or juice container) add 6 eggs and fill with water. Shake well, and shake whenever you pass by the resting container. Let ferment for 5 weeks at which point the solution will really smell bad and look greyish. This will be used as a concentrate. Add 1 1/2" of egg mixture to a pump sprayer and fill the rest with water. I spray hosta's, lilacs , phlox ..etc. I spray once or twice a week in early Spring when buds are forming and after rain as there is no sticking agent. I continue to spray through the summer when new flower buds are forming.

My understanding is that deer get used to garlic, pepper flakes, dog fur, soap shavings...all of which I have tried, but they are repulsed by the decaying smell of eggs. To us it smells bad when sprayed but disappears when dry, but the deer will smell it.

I make my container(s) up in March so the solution is ready for when my Hosta's start immerging. The older the better!

Word of warning: NEVER open in the house!

P.S. Last year I heard about another product 'Bobbex' which is a deer repellent and sold in Canada. It lists Hillside Gardens as being a supplier. I have not used the product, but again it will be expensive. On-line costs start at \$24.

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