



## Deer Repellent Recipe

Living in Huckleberry Country comes with its share of joys and irritations. One of the more irritating moments is waking in the morning to discover the local deer population has decimated your flower beds. Who wants to install an 8 foot fence just to enjoy some beautiful flowers next to the house? Store bought deer repellent costs an arm and a leg. At Huckleberry HQ, the deer were freely enjoying their nightly buffet until we were given this deer repellent recipe. The rose to the left is the first to bloom since using this recipe! Now our flowers are free to bloom in peace.

**YIELD:** 32 sprays  
1 gallon water

1 Ivory soap bar  
1 large bulb of garlic (8-10 large cloves)  
1 (2 ounce) jar crushed red pepper flakes (use the cheap kind-the \$1 Spice Classics works well)

**DIRECTIONS:**

Pour the water into a large pot.  
Grate the bar of soap into the water.  
Crush the cloves of garlic and add to the mix. You do not need to peel or chop them, just smash them. If you can't get a really large bulb, use two smaller ones (about 20 small cloves).  
Add the jar of pepper flakes.  
Bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally. The soap

should dissolve completely.

Turn the heat off, cover the pot, and let it sit for a week or so. You could probably get away with two or three days, the longer, the better.

Strain through a fine mesh strainer and store the liquid in a jug. If the mixture has thickened, warm it a bit before you strain it.

When you want to use it,

pour 1/2 cup of the soap mixture into a 2 1/2 gallon sprayer. Add water to fill the sprayer, and spray your plants. Do not store any unused liquid in your sprayer, mix a fresh batch each time.


One gallon should last a season. Re-spray after heavy rains, or every two to three weeks or so. More often may be needed when there is rapid fruit or leaf growth.



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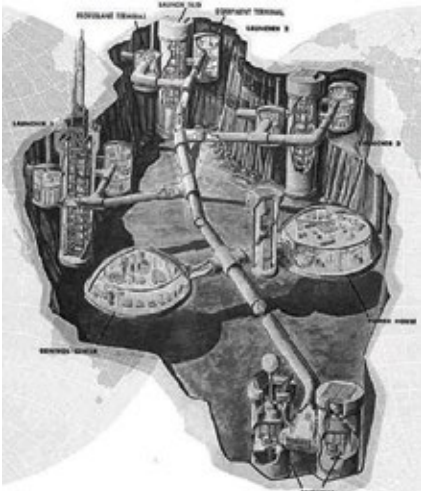


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