Gardening with Rabbits

Rabbits can be a major challenge for gardeners, but there are several strategies to deter them, including choosing rabbit-resistant plants and implementing effective gardening practices.

While no plant is 100% rabbit-proof, the following plants are less appealing to rabbits due to their scent, taste, or texture:

Flowers:

Marigolds	Daffodils	Alliums	Coneflowers
Lavender	Salvia	Snapdragons	Bleeding Hearts

Herbs, Vegetables & Fruits:

Rosemary	Chives	Tomatoes	Squash
Oregano	Basil	Onions	Cucumber
Thyme	Mint	Garlic	
Sage	Peppers	Rhubarb	

Shrubs & Trees:

Boxwood	Lilac	Butterfly Bush
Barberry	Juniper	Spruce

Gardening Practices to Deter Rabbits:

1. Fencing- Install a rabbit-proof fence at least 2 feet high with 1-inch or smaller mesh. Bury the bottom 6-12 inches to prevent burrowing.

2. Raised Beds & Containers- Growing plants in elevated beds or containers can make them harder for rabbits to access.

3. Repellents- Use deterrents like crushed garlic, cayenne pepper, or commercial sprays with predator scents.

4. Mulching- Rabbits dislike walking on sharp or coarse surfaces. Use gravel, crushed shells, or pinecones around plants.

5. Remove Shelter & Hiding Spots- Keep the garden clean by removing brush piles, tall grass, and other hiding places.

6. Companion Planting- Surround vulnerable plants with strong-smelling herbs like garlic or onions to mask their scent.

7. Decoys & Scare Tactics- Motion-activated sprinklers, fake owls, or even a pet dog or cat can help keep rabbits away.

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