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**Oh Deer! Pike Nurseries’ Top Tips for Deterring Deer**

*Southeast horticultural experts share advice for protecting plants
and host complimentary classes on July 13*

**ATLANTA** **(July 9, 2024)** – As suburbia continues to encroach on wildlife territory, deer have become increasingly problematic for gardeners. The experts at **Pike** **Nurseries** are here to help with advice on safeguarding plants by highlighting additions that deer avoid, creating natural barriers around fragile blooms and utilizing reliable products to add an extra layer of protection for plants and flowers. Pike Nurseries will also host a free class at all locations on Saturday, July 13, where gardeners can learn more about this topic.

**Deer-resistant plants**Although a hungry deer will eat almost anything, there are some plants they tend to avoid. When designing a deer-proof space, green thumbs should consider adding plants like lantana, echinacea or rudbeckia that have rough, prickly or thorny textures. Other plants like lavender, rosemary or thyme boast scents that are pleasing to humans but repulsive to deer.

**Setting boundaries**One of the easiest ways to keep deer out of the garden is by creating physical barriers. Privacy fences are always an option, but more natural options include dense boxwoods or ornamental grasses, which deer dislike due to their prickly textures. Outlining an environment with protective plants will also prevent wildlife from reaching more highly desired florals and greenery.

**Risk-free repellents**Pike Nurseries emphasizes that the goal is never to harm deer, but simply to repel them. Products such as Bonide Go Away! Deer & Rabbit Repellent or Milorganite use strong scents that trigger the animals’ instincts to avoid areas, without harming them. Other household items such as salt and red pepper flakes can also help keep wildlife away from precious plants.

**Free class**On **Saturday, July 13** at **10 a.m.** all Pike Nurseries locations will offer a FREE in-store class on creating a deer-proof paradise. In this complimentary class, garden experts will offer further insight into deer-resistant plants and other natural solutions to keep deer out this summer. Space is limited; guests can pre-register [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deer-resistant-plants-a-gardeners-guide-tickets-929925761987).

For more tips and tricks from Pike Nurseries’ garden experts, visit [pikenurseries.com](https://www.pikenursery.com/) or connect on [Facebook](http://facebook.com/pikenurseries), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/pikenurseries/), [Pinterest](http://pinterest.com/pikenurseries/) and [X](http://twitter.com/pikenurseries).

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