

CLOBBER THEM CRITTERS!

Soon, the weather will be getting a little warmer. And, before you know it, your yard will be full of flowers. And, unfortunately, it'll also be full of plant-munching varmints filling their spring-time bellies with your tulips, crocuses, and other long-awaited plants. Don't let 'em get the best of your gardens! To keep them out of your hair, try using the following tips and tricks:

All Purpose Varmint Repellent

Grandma Putt swore by this stuff for getting rid of just about any critter than came along!

**2 eggs,
2 cloves of garlic,
2 tbsp. of hot chili pepper, and
2 tbsp of ammonia.**

in 2 cups of hot water. Let the mixture sit for 3 or 4 days in a bucket, and then paint it on fences, trellises, and wherever else unwanted varmints are venturing.

- * Fill little cloth bags with dog or cat hair, and hang 'em in your beds.
- * Since chipmunks live underground, place used cat litter in their runs or the holes where they enter and exit buildings.



- * Sprinkle your garden with dried bloodmeal, mothballs, or a mix of **1 tbsp. of pureed cayenne pepper and 1 tbsp. of liquid dish soap in 1 quart of warm water.**
- * Onions repel rabbits, so plant 'em among your cabbage, lettuce, peas, and other rabbit-attracting crops.

- * Keep your "edges" unattractive. If you line your yard with unpalatable and repellent plants, chances are the critters will keep to their territory and pass right on by your no-longer-tempting yard.
- * Tall grass, brushy borders, and areas of your property left to grow wild all encourage animals to call your yard "home." Keep grass and underbrush trimmed and tidy near the garden to discourage loitering.
- * Surround your prized plantings with cut-up brambles or other thorny stems. The would-be plant munchers won't want to pinch their tender paws, so they'll look for lunch at another diner.

