

Natural Pest Prevention Guide for Gardeners

At The Farm Life Inc., we believe in working with nature to grow food sustainably. This guide offers natural and humane solutions for common garden pests that threaten your harvest.

Mole Rats / Gophers / Voles

- Install raised beds with hardware cloth bottoms to block tunneling.
- Apply castor oil-based repellents to deter digging.
- Plant gopher spurge (*Euphorbia lathyris*) as a deterrent.

Jackrabbits / Rabbits

- Use 2-3 ft chicken wire fencing with the base bent outward.
- Install motion-activated sprinklers to scare them off.
- Plant border herbs like lavender, rosemary, and sage.

Deer

- Erect 6-8 ft fencing for larger gardens.
- Use reflective tape, hanging foil, or wind chimes to create movement/noise.
- Apply natural deer repellents (like garlic or rotten egg sprays).

Birds

- Use netting to protect berries and seedlings.
- Set up decoys or shiny objects to discourage landing.
- Plant sacrificial crops away from your main garden area.

Insects

- Encourage beneficial insects like ladybugs and praying mantises.
- Plant insect-repelling herbs: basil, mint, dill, and marigolds.
- Use neem oil or insecticidal soap for soft-bodied pests.

Sustainable Practices

- Avoid chemical pesticides to protect pollinators and soil health.
- Use crop rotation to prevent pest buildup.
- Install owl boxes and bat houses to encourage natural predators.