

## Learning to live with deer

- Reducing deer impacts to gardens and yards begins with education.
- Landscaping can be altered to reduce the level of deer browsing. The selection and placement of plants and shrubs has a significant impacts on the extent of damage.
- These plants, shrubs and trees can only be called deer-resistant, not deer-proof. Deer taste buds vary geographically and seasonally.
- A deer-resistant garden is created simply by using plants, shrubs and trees that contain natural chemicals and have characteristics that deter deer from wanting to consume them.

### Deer-preferred plants

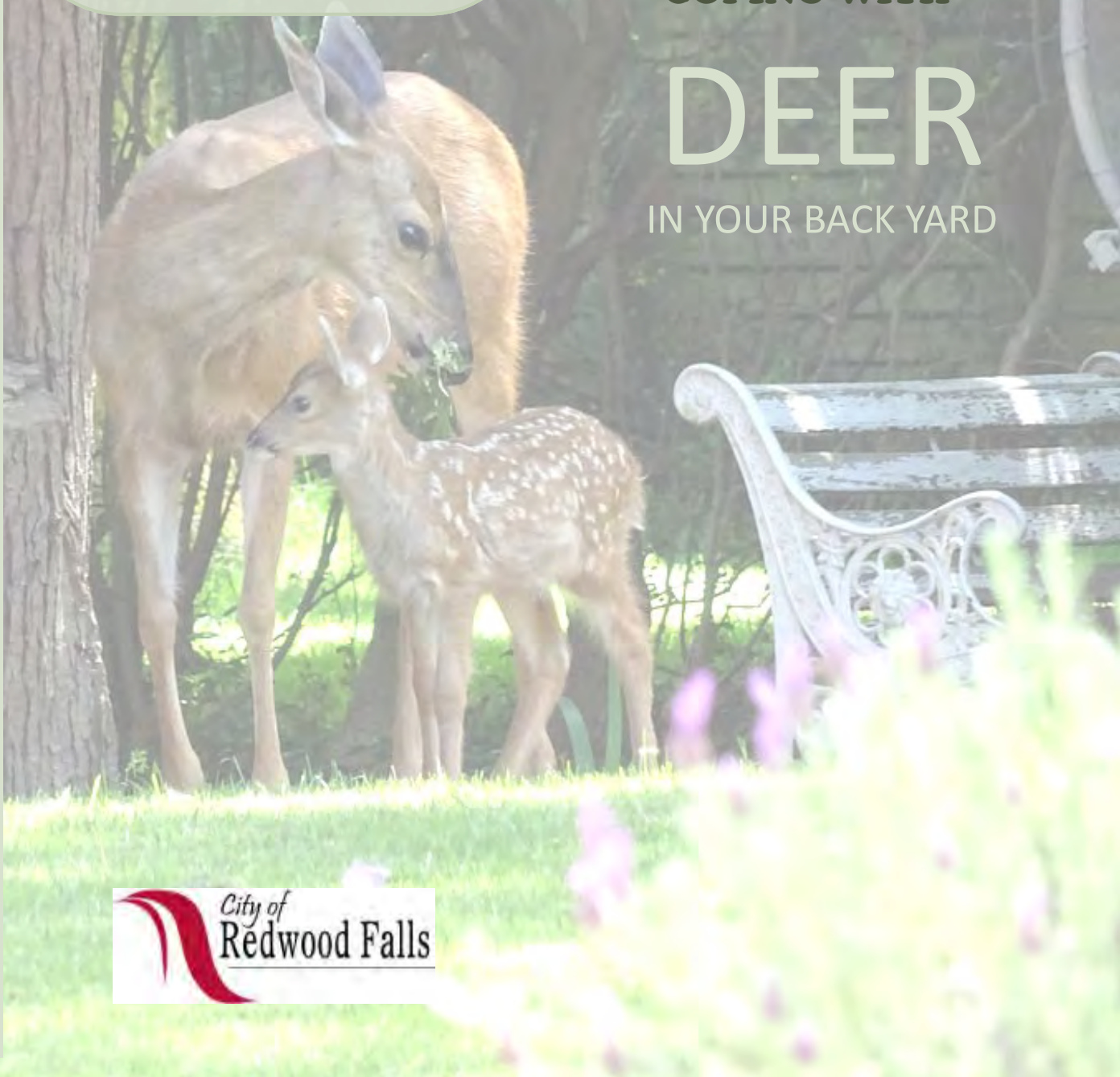
Black-eyed Susan	Lilies
Buttercup	Pansy
Crocus	Periwinkle
Dahlia	Rose
Daisy	Sedum
Daylily	Solomon's Seal
English Daisy	Sunflower
English Ivy	Trillium
Garden Phlox	Tulip
Geranium	Vegetables
Hibiscus	Violas
Hollyhock	Wallflower
Hosta	

### Deer-preferred Shrubs and Trees

Arborvitae	Fruit Bearing Trees
Balsam Fir	(clean up falling fruit)
Clematis (vine)	Hybrid Roses
Deciduous Azalea	Hydrangea
Eastern Redbud	Japanese Yew
Eastern White Pine	Norway Maple
Eastern Yew	Saucer Magnolia
False Cedars	

Feeding wild animals in your back yard, isn't always good for the animals and may attract undesirables.

# COPING WITH DEER IN YOUR BACK YARD



# Redwood Falls City Ordinance

## Section 10.49 of the Redwood Falls City Code

### **Prohibition.**

No person shall feed or allow the feeding of any deer within any area of the city. For the purpose of this section, “feeding” shall mean provision of one-half cubic foot or more of grain, fruit, vegetables, nuts, hay or other edible material, either on the ground or at a height of less than five feet above the ground, in a manner that attracts deer on a regular basis. Living food sources, such as fruit trees and other vegetation, shall not be considered as deer feeding.

### **Exceptions.**

This prohibition shall not apply to veterinarians, park maintenance staff or county, state, or federal game officials who in the course of their duties have deer in their custody or under their management.

### **Sources For:**

#### **Repellents:**

Deer Out: Concentrate Deer Repellent-Amazon

Predator Guard: Hanging Deer Repellent– Amazon

I Must Garden: Deer Repellent– Amazon

#### **Scare Devices:**

Hoont: Jet spray sprinkler with photo eye– Amazon

Predator Guard: Solar motion sensing deterrent light

Check your local Nursery’s and Hardware Stores for more options. Listed products are not endorsed but published by Bestreviews.com

#### **Websites:**

[www.extension.umn.edu/environment/fwce/fish-wildlife-habitats/](http://www.extension.umn.edu/environment/fwce/fish-wildlife-habitats/)

[www.dnr.state.mn.us/livingwith\\_wildlife/general.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/livingwith_wildlife/general.html)

## Keys to success

- Preventing deer damage before it starts is essential rather than trying to interrupt an established pattern. Apply repellents before bud-break and new growth appears.
- Plan to use several different methods. Alternate repellents and rotate methods throughout the season.
- Change your strategies before deer adapt to them to keep them confused.

## Fencing

- Fencing can prevent deer from turning your garden into a buffet line.
- Fencing is the best option to exclude deer completely from an area.
- Fencing has a high initial cost but also a high benefit that will last.
- Camouflage unattractive fencing with “sacrificial” plants of lesser interest to deer. Deer will crawl, squeeze under and between fencing and can jump upwards of eight feet. Fencing should be taut, secure and checked regularly.

## Repellents and scare devices

- Deer are creatures of habit. Anything out of the ordinary will intimidate deer.
- Repellents are chemicals or other substances that are meant to disrupt deer browsing because of the substances rancid odor or bad taste.
- Scare devices are also used to deter deer, however they are most effective when used with repellents.

## Aromatics for camouflage gardening

- Plants to disrupt a deer’s sense of smell

Catnip	Garlic
Oregano	Santalina
Chives	Lavender
Rosemary	Spearmint
Dill	Onion
Sage	Yarrow