Living With Wildlife:
RABBITS

ISSUE - EATING GARDEN PLANTS

- Fence sensitive areas. A 2-foot-tall fence constructed of chicken wire, supported by sturdy stakes, will exclude most rabbits. Rabbits are likely to try to tunnel under the fence, so it should be buried 6 inches underground or lined at the bottom with rocks, or other items they can't dig through.
- To protect a few individual plants: Use a 1-gallon plastic milk container with the bottom cut out or cylinder of chicken wire placed over the plants and staked down.
- To protect small trees: Use commercial tree guards, nylon mesh, plastic tubes, or aluminum foil double wrapped around the trunks.
- Encourage natural predation by installing hawk or owl perches in the area.
- Use devices such as Mylar tape or party balloons, pinwheels, or other devices placed at ground level. This is a temporary solution.
- The scent of dog urine can help keep rabbits away, so take your (or your neighbor's) dog for their morning walk around your garden fence.

Resources:

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