

**Note: Session 8 is the final Email in the Gardening Course. On March 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting at the Durham Public Library Community Room at 6:30 for course participants to meet, share, and ask questions. Hope to see you all there.**

## **Session 8 Food Friendly Yard Winter Email Gardening Course Wildlife Management and Pest Control**

Now that you are excited about growing food in your backyard, we want to remind you that you are not the only one who will be happy for a food source. As soon as you start to add more diversity and forage you will invite wildlife. That is the point of this project – to create a food network, not just for people but for animals as well, but, of course, you want to enjoy the fruits *and* vegetables of your labor. Developing the edges of your property for wildlife while protecting your food gardens is one way to do both.

It is important to plan protection for your gardens right from the beginning. This week's videos suggest a variety of ways to do this, traditional fencing, electric fencing, garden enclosures and ideas for deer resistant/ deterrent plants. There are animal deterrent products that can be sprayed or spread that can provide some short term, temporary help but they need to be applied often to be effective.

When thinking about barriers, remember to consider burrowing animals. Putting hardware cloth on the bottom of raised beds protects against invasion from groundhogs, moles, and chipmunks, for example. Burying 6 inches of fencing and angling it outward away from the fence is effective around garden plots.

Also included is information on insect pest control using safe homemade or purchased "insecticides". Any product that displays the "OMRI" (Organic Management Research Institute) logo is safe for use.

The catalog resources we sent out earlier are good sources of garden netting and a variety of easy to install fencing options. We have included articles and links to websites that should be helpful. Wellscoft Fence Systems is located in Harrisville, NH. and they offer fence clinics in the Spring that introduce participants to the many fencing possibilities they offer. Clinics on installation are also available.

This is our last email. We hope you've found this course helpful. Please put March 12, 6:30 at the Durham Public Library on your calendars for our meeting. We are looking forward to hearing about how you plan to implement what you've learned, as well as answer questions and be of assistance. Happy Growing! Ellen and Bryan

## Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNybw4Ry1A4>

Aluminum hoops for raised beds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFD1zugWKhw>

Applying various types of netting covers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPbwJeDnjQI>

deer fencing using fishing line

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wNgUy3GZrw>

more permanent garden fencing to deter deer and small animals

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8XiOK1Bn-0>

Installing electro-net fencing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tChYkeXNxXc>

Step by step instructions for building an enclosed garden space.

[https://www.premier1supplies.com/c/fencing/?gclid=Cj0KCCQiA-bjyBRCcARIsAFboWg2-JxcVVbLs3o1JxIHSB5WXoOuyZ2uT3s5Xmv20yDWYbM8YugnYYg8aAr7oEALw\\_wcB](https://www.premier1supplies.com/c/fencing/?gclid=Cj0KCCQiA-bjyBRCcARIsAFboWg2-JxcVVbLs3o1JxIHSB5WXoOuyZ2uT3s5Xmv20yDWYbM8YugnYYg8aAr7oEALw_wcB)

Premier One Fencing website

<https://www.wellscroft.com/>

Wellscroft Fence Systems, Harrisville, NH.

## Deterrent Products and Pest Control

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDTfW3mWna8>

Sampling of deterrent sprays or granules



Products with this logo are certified for organic use.

## Articles

<https://www.almanac.com/content/deer-resistant-plants>

## **Deer resistant plants**

<https://njaes.rutgers.edu/deer-resistant-plants/>

## **More deer resistant plants**

<https://www.treehugger.com/lawn-garden/8-natural-homemade-insecticides-save-your-garden-without-killing-earth.html>

## **8 Natural and Homemade insecticides**