

Eco-Friendly Pest Deterrence

This playbook outlines a series of eco-friendly methods for repelling pests in outdoor areas. It includes the use of specific plants known to deter insects and provides recipes for homemade natural repellents.

Step 1: **Assessment**

Determine the type of pests you are dealing with in your outdoor space. This will guide your choice of plants and homemade repellents most effective against those specific insects.

Step 2: **Plant Selection**

Choose plants that are known to repel the types of pests identified. Common pest-repelling plants include citronella, lavender, marigolds, and lemongrass. Plan where to position these plants in your garden for maximum effectiveness.

Step 3: **Garden Layout**

Design your outdoor space to integrate the pest-repelling plants amongst your other plants. Ensure they are placed strategically to cover areas where pests are most prevalent.

Step 4: **Homemade Recipes**

Prepare homemade repellent recipes using natural ingredients such as essential oils (e.g., citronella, eucalyptus, or tea tree oil), vinegar, and water. Mix according to a proven recipe.

Step 5: **Application**

Apply the homemade repellents around your outdoor area, focusing on spots where pests are most likely to enter or gather. Reapply as needed or after rain.

Step 6: **Maintenance**

Regularly maintain your garden by trimming the pest-repelling plants and replenishing homemade repellents. Monitor the area for pest activity and adjust your methods as necessary.

General Notes

Safety

Always consider the safety of pets and children when selecting plants and preparing homemade repellents. Ensure that none of the ingredients or plants are harmful to them.

Allergies

Be aware of any allergies that family members or guests might have to plants or natural oils used in homemade repellents.