

# DEER-RESISTANT PLANT LIST FOR ROCHESTER HILLS HOMEOWNERS



This is a comprehensive list of plants that are rarely damaged or seldom severely damaged by Deer that should be considered when planning your garden or landscaping around your home. This list is adapted from a Michigan State University Extension Bulletin and is intended for Rochester Hills residents. In general, plants are less likely to be eaten when they have “prickly” or “furry” foliage, or strong scents or tastes.

## RARELY DAMAGED

### Botanical Name

### Common Name

#### Perennials

<i>Achillea</i> spp.	Yarrow
<i>Aconitum</i> spp.	Monkshood
<i>Allium</i> spp.	Onion
<i>Allium christophii</i>	Star of Persia
<i>Allium neapolitanum</i>	Daffodil garlic
<i>Allium ostromskianum</i>	Lily leek
<i>Anemone x hybrida</i>	Japanese anemone
<i>Anemonella thalictroides</i>	Rue anemone
<i>Aquilegia</i> spp.	Columbine
<i>Arabis</i> spp.	Rockcress
<i>Arisaema thiphylum</i>	Jack-in-the-pulpit
<i>Aubrietia deltoidea</i>	Rock cress
<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i>	Basket-of-gold
<i>Bergenia</i> spp.	Bergenia
<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>	Plumbago
<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i>	Snakeroot
<i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	Colchicum
<i>Colchicum speciosum</i>	Colchicum
<i>Consolida ambigua</i>	Larkspur
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	Threadleaf coreopsis
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Neapolitan cyclamen
<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>	Bleeding heart
<i>Digitalis</i> spp.	Foxglove
<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>	Wood fern
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple coneflower
<i>Epimedium</i> spp.	Barrenwort
<i>Euphorbia</i> spp.	Euphorbia
<i>Fritillaria</i> spp.	Fritillary
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet woodruff
<i>Gloriosa superba</i>	Glory lily
<i>Hemerocallis 'Stella d'Oro'</i>	'Stella d'Oro' daylily
<i>Lamium maculatum</i>	Deadnettle
<i>Lavandula</i> spp.	Lavender

<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	Toadflax
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Native spicebush
<i>Lychnis coronaria</i>	Rose campion
<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	Ostrich fern
<i>Narcissus</i> spp.	Daffodil
<i>Osmunda regalis var. spectabilis</i>	Royal fern
<i>Pachysandra procumbens</i>	Allegheny spurge
<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>	Japanese spurge
<i>Papaver orientale</i>	Oriental poppy
<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	Russian sage
<i>Rudbeckia</i> spp.	Coneflower
<i>Salvia</i> spp.	Sage
<i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i>	Lavender cotton
<i>Scilla</i> spp.	Squill
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	Lamb's ears
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	Common tansy
<i>Thymus</i> spp.	Thyme
<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Foam flower
<i>Yucca</i> spp.	Yucca

#### Annuals

<i>Ageratum houstonianum</i>	Ageratum
<i>Anethum graveolens</i>	Common dill
<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Snapdragon
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	Hot peppers
<i>Capsicum frutescens</i>	Sweet peppers
<i>Citrulus lanatus</i>	Watermelon
<i>Cucumis melo cantalupensis</i>	Cantaloupe
<i>Cucumis sativus</i>	Cucumber
<i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i>	Hyacinth
<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Sweet alyssum
<i>Nicotiana</i> spp.	Flowering tobacco
<i>Pelargonium</i> spp.	Scented geranium
<i>Rheum rhabarbarum</i>	Rhubarb
<i>Solanum melongena</i>	Eggplant



**Annuals (cont.)**

*Tagetes spp.* Marigold  
*Tropaeolum majus* Nasturtium

**Ornamental Grasses**

*Saccharum ravennae* Ravennae grass  
*Miscanthus sinensis* Japanese silver grass  
*Panicum virgatum* Switch grass  
*Molinia litoralis* Tall purple moor grass  
*Calamagrostis xacutifolia* Feather-reed grass  
*Chasmanthium latifolium* Northern sea oats  
*Pennisetum orientale* Fountain grass  
*Hakonechloa macra* Japanese grass  
*Carex morrowii* ‘Variegata’ sedge  
*Carex oshimensis* ‘Evergold’ sedge  
*Carex flagellifera* ‘Toffee Twist’ sedge

**Native Grasses**

*Andropogon gerardii* Big bluestem  
*Bouteloua curtipendula* Sideoats grama  
*Carex muskingumensis* Palm sedge  
*Carex pennsylvanica* Pennsylvania sedge  
*Elymus canadensis* Canada wild rye  
*Koeleria macrantha* Prairie June grass  
*Luzula multiflora* Woodrush  
*Panicum virgatum* Switch grass  
*Schizachrium scoparium* Little bluestem  
*Sorghastrum nutans* Indian grass  
*Sporobolus heterolepis* Prairie dropseed

**Shrubs**

*Buxus sempervirens* Common boxwood  
*Ilex opaca* American holly  
*Leucothoe fontanesiana* Drooping leucothoe  
*Pieris japonica* Japanese pieris

**Trees**

*Betula papyrifera* Paper birch  
*Picea pungens* Colorado blue spruce

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**Shrubs**

*Celastrus scandens* American bittersweet  
*Cornus florida* Flowering dogwood  
*Cornus kousa* Kousa dogwood  
*Cornus sericea* Red osier dogwood  
*Crataegus laevigata* English hawthorn  
*Enkianthus campanulatus* Redvein enkianthus  
*Forsythia spp.* Forsythia  
*Ilex cornuta* Chinese holly  
*Ilex glabra* Inkberry  
*Juniperus chinensis* Chinese junipers  
*Kolkwitzia amabilis* Beautybush  
*Pinus mugo* Mugo pine  
*Salix matsudana tortuosa* Corkscrew willow  
*Sassafras albidum* Common sassafras  
*Syringa vulgaris* Common lilac  
*Wisteria floribunda* Japanese wisteria

**Trees**

*Betula pendula* European white birch  
*Fagus sylvatica* European beech  
*Gleditsia triacanthos* Honey locust  
*Kalmia latifolia* Mountain laurel  
*Picea abies* Norway spruce  
*Picea glauca* White spruce  
*Pinus nigra* Austrian pine  
*Pinus resinosa* Red pine  
*Pinus rigida* Pitchpine  
*Prunus serrulata* Japanese flowering cherry

