



Natural Pest Control

Essential oils keep unwelcome pests at bay by dispersing their molecules into the atmosphere, which act to permanently discourage insects and pests from invading our homes. Certainly, some essential oils may be expensive but as only the tiniest quantity surfaces, using them as insect repellants actually proves far more economical than damaging aerosols. Also, there are many other uses for them in the home.

Citronella

Arguably the oldest insect repellent known to humans. It is the best oil to rid your home of mosquitoes. Just a few drops in a diffuser or burner keeps them at bay all night.

Lemongrass

Use when cleaning your chopping block or barbeque area as it repels flies when dealing with meat.

Peppermint & Spearmint

Either of these painted on the wood where cockroaches live encourages them to begin house hunting. For beetles and slugs, mix together eucalyptus oil, peppermint oil and rosemary oil. Store in a dark colored bottle and paint on whatever surfaces the slugs and beetles like.

Grow peppermint and spearmint in pots and place strategically to prevent mice entering your home or sprinkle the oils in the roof.

Ants hate peppermint oil so spread it around their entrance spots

Rosemary

Rosemary oil is an excellent flea repellent for cats and dogs. Place 2-4 drops on their grooming brush and use every second day. Otherwise place a drop behind their neck. Rosemary's distinctive camphor like aroma endows it with effectiveness. Sprinkle rosemary oil on blotting paper and put in your wardrobe to prevent moth from attacking your clothes.

Lavender

The oil burned in a vaporizer is an effective insect repellent. In summer, sprinkle a few drops on light globes to avoid being plagued by moths. Use the same way outdoors to repel mosquitoes.

Wipe all internal cupboard surfaces with lavender oil to act as a natural disinfectant as well as deterring moths and silverfish.

For those horrible ground fleas that infest carpet, Combine 1 tablespoon of oil in one liter warm water and spray over carpets.

Wipe window frames and doorways with lavender oil to keep flies, moths, mosquitoes and ants away.

Dab neat lavender oil onto insect bites for immediate relief

Natural Insect Repellent

Combine 1 tablespoon citronella oil, 2 teaspoons lavender oil, 1 teaspoon pennyroyal oil, 1 teaspoon eucalyptus oil, 1 teaspoon tea tree oil and 1 teaspoon jojoba oil. For application to the body, mix this with 2 cups almond oil and blend thoroughly. For an insect spray, combine the base oils with 2 cups of vodka and put in a spray bottle. Shake well before using.



Flea Collars for Pets

Chemical flea collars can be very toxic to our animals. A safe version is easily made by combining ½ teaspoon alcohol, 1 drop cedarwood oil, 1 drop lavender oil, 1 drop citronella oil, 1 drop thyme oil and the oil from 4 garlic capsules. Blend the ingredients thoroughly and pour the mixture over a soft material collar until the liquid is fully absorbed. Allow to dry before putting the collar onto the animal. It will be effective for 1 month.

Fly repellent for Humans or Pets

Combine ½ teaspoon clove oil, 1 teaspoon bay tree oil, 1 teaspoon eucalyptus oil, 2/3 cup of vodka and ¾ cup filtered water. Comb through your pets hair or spray on yourself.