DEER TOLERANT PLANTS

While there is no way to guarantee any garden will be "deer free," there are ways to help deter them from feasting on your landscape.

Solutions	Complications
Choose plants that are deer tolerant.	This list is subject to change based on the location of the herd (different herds have different preferences) and the hunger level of your deer.
Use animal repellents, both store bought and homemade. Be sure to follow manufacturer's instructions for anything you buy. Avoid anything toxic as it could pose a hazard for children or other animals.	Repellents should be started *before* the deer incorporate your garden as a food source. They also should be reapplied regularly and still may become less effective over time if you do not alternate products.
Cage plants with mesh or hardware cloth to prevent deer from reaching plant.	Cages are a good defense in the winter, but may not be as appealing the rest of the year. If you have a plant that is always being eaten and don't wish to cage it, maybe substitute with a more deer tolerant species.
Fencing an area off, like a vegetable garden, is a way to keep deer out of an area if you're not interested in keeping them out of your entire yard.	Deer fences need to be over 8 feet tall, as deer can jump anything shorter.
Hedging around your yard keeps deer from seeing right in to your plants and makes it less likely that they will jump over, as they cannot see the other side.	The hedge must be maintained so that it is tall and thick enough to block their view. It will take time to grow, though how long will depend upon the plant you choose to hedge.
Garden ornaments with movable parts, or that make sound.	If the deer become accustomed to them, they will no longer be effective.

Combining multiple solutions and tailoring them to your plants and needs will likely yield the best results.

Deer Tolerant

Trees

Abies	fir
Acer	maple
Aesculus hippocastanum	horse chestnut
Betula	birch
Carpinus	hornbeam
Cercidiphyllum japonicum	katsura
Cercis canadensis	eastern redbud
Chamaecyparis	false cypress
Cornus kousa	kousa dogwood
Crataegus	hawthorn
Fagus	beech
Ginkgo biloba	ginkgo
Gleditsia triacanthos	honeylocust
Larix	larch
Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum
Liriodendron tulipifera	yellow poplar
Magnolia	magnolia
Picea	spruce
Pinus	pine
Quercus	oak
Salix	willow

Perennials

Achillea	yarrow
Ajuga	bugleweed
Aquilegia	columbine
Armeria maritima	thrift
Artemisia	silvermound
Astilbe	false spirea
Carex	sedge
Chrysanthemum	mum
Coreopsis	tickseed
Dicentra	bleeding heart
Digitalis	foxglove
Echinacea	cone flower
Geranium	cranesbill
Ferns	
Festuca	blue fescue grass
Iris	iris
Lupinus	lupine
Miscanthus	Chinese silvergrass
Monarda	bee balm
Paeonia	peony
Papaver	poppy
Pervoskia	Russian sage
Penstemon	beardtongue
Rudbeckia	black-eyed Susan
Solidago	golden rod
Veronica	speedwell

Vines

Campsis	trumpet vine
Lonicera	honeysuckle
Wisteria floribunda	Japanese wisteria

Shrubs

Amelanchier	serviceberry
Buddleia	butterfly bush
Buxus	boxwood
Callicarpa	beautyberry
Calluna vulgaris	scotch heather
Chamaecyparis pisifera	Sawara cypress "Boulevard"
Clethra alnifolia	summer sweet
Cotoneaster	rockspray
Cotinus coggygria	smokebush
Cytisus scoparius	common broom
Daphne odora	daphne
Forsythia	forsythia
Hamamelis	witch hazel
Hibiscus syriacus	rose of Sharon
Hydrangea paniculata	panicled hydrangea
Ilex glabra	inkberry
Juniperus	juniper
Kalmia latifolia	mountain laurel
Philadelphus	mock orange
Pinus mugo	mugo pine
Pieris	Japanese pieris
Potentilla fruticose	cinquefoil
Rhododendron	(except azalea)
Sambucus	Elderberry
Spirea	Spirea
Syringa	Lilac
Viburnum	viburnum
Weigela	weigela

Annuals

Ageratum	floss flower
Antirrhinum majus	snapdragon
Dahlia	dahlia
Helichrysum	licorice plant
Heliotrope	heliotrope
Impatiens	impatiens
Tagetes	marigold
Tropaeolum majus	nasturtium
Nicotiana	tobacco flower
Petunia	petunia
Salvia	salvia
Senecio cineraria	dusty miller

Bulbs

Allium	allium
Galanthus	snowdrops
Narcissus	daffodil

❖ This is a list of suggestions, not a complete compilation