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Ventura County Events

Simi Valley Street Fair
 May 4th 9am - 4pm
 Simi Town Center Way

Community Dog Walk Charity Fun Run in Camarillo
 May 4th 9:30am to 12pm
 Pitts Ranch Park

47th Annual Thousand Oaks Chili Cook Off, Car Show & Brew Fest
 May 5h 12pm to 5pm
 Conejo Creek North Park

Moorpark Apricot Festival
 May 11th 11am - 4pm
 Historic High Street

Scandinavian Festival
 May 18, 19 10am to 6pm
 Cal Lutheran Univ.

38th Annual California Strawberry Festival
 May 18, 19 10am to 7:30pm
 Ventura County Fair Grounds

Natural Pest Repellants



Insects belong *outside* of your home, not in it! So, how do you prevent their entry? First, take a look at your kitchen. Make sure all of your food is sealed up tight and put away properly. Leaving food out for a few days is an outright invitation for ants and other insects to move in and make themselves right at home. The best thing you can do is take a proactive approach to

keeping your home insect free. Check out these tips for some do-it-yourself natural insect repellent solutions!

1. Citronella Oil for Mosquitoes

In case you don't already know, citronella is a naturally occurring oil that comes from crushed citronella grass. It's the same thing that's in citronella candles. You can keep mosquitoes at bay and avoid bites in the summer by using this oil on your arms and legs.

2. Chalk for Ants and Slugs

This one is super interesting: try sprinkling chalk around entry points to your home. Both ants and slugs dislike the calcium carbonate inside chalk, which is ground up shells from sea creatures. It's been said that if you have chalk outlining the perimeter of your home, they won't actually cross over into it.



3. Beer for Slugs

Sounds appealing, right? Who knew slugs loved beer! Bury a container up to its neck in the dirt outside your home and fill halfway with beer. Those pesky slugs will dive right in to get to the beer and drown themselves in the process.

4. DIY Spider Repellent Spray

There are fewer things creepier than spiders. No one wants them crawling around your house. Mix up your own home spider repellent and spray at entry points around your home. Mix lemon oil (spiders hate it!), liquid soap, and water, and then go to town spraying around your house!

Welcome to Ventura Management!

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Memorial Day
May 27, 2024



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Natural Pest Repellants (Cont.)

5. Cinnamon, Paprika or Garlic to Keep Out Ants

So, ants not only hate chalk, but they also hate spices. Sprinkle spices such as cinnamon, paprika, and garlic around doors and windows in our homes to block their paths. Repeat sprinkling weekly for effective treatment!

6. Diatomaceous Earth for Most Insects

You're probably saying, "Diatomaceous what?" Well, if you don't know, Diatomaceous earth is a rock powder that is made up of prehistoric algae and kills pretty much all types of household pests. Think fleas, ticks, cockroaches and more! All you have to do is sprinkle lightly where you find pests inside or outside of your home and this substance will help keep them at bay.

7. Essential Oils for Ticks/Fleas



If you're a pet owner, you're probably all too aware of how common it is for dogs to transport ticks and fleas from outdoors to inside your home. Try these oils: Cedarwood, Peppermint, Lavender or Eucalyptus. Mix a few drops with water and use the mix to spray household surfaces and bedding.

8. Garlic Solution on Strips of Cloth

So this is probably one of the most random of tips, but certain bugs join Dracula with their common disdain for garlic. A cool trick is to mix garlic juice with water and dip small cloths in the solution. Hang these cloths around the outside of your home to repel mosquitoes and other bugs from entering.

9. Basil Plants – Inside and Out

Flies and other pests hate basil! What you can do is keep basil plants near your doors and even inside to repel insects naturally. Don't have a green thumb? Hang small bags of dried basil instead.

10. Vinegar and Water for Ants

Combine equal parts of vinegar and water to wipe down your counters if you've already spotted ants inside your home. This easy combination destroys the trails that these pests use to get around and can help clear up an infestation faster.

May Quote:

*People can't drive you crazy if you don't give them the keys.
... Mike Bechtle*

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