

## Natural Spider Repellents

### #1 – Herbs

Herbs have been used for centuries for repelling insects and are still just as effective today as they were all those years ago. Essential oils in these plants act as nature's bug repellent and insects tend to avoid them.

Spider Repelling Herbs and Essential Oils include:

- Eucalyptus
- Citronella
- Lavender
- Peppermint
- Tea Tree
- Cinnamon
- Citrus
- Cedar

One drop of any of these essential oils will kill a spider. Please note: Do not get essential oils on skin, clothes or wood and keep out of reach of children.

DIY Spider Repellent Spray

Ingredients

- 5-10 Drops of any of the above essential oils or a combination of the oils
- 1/4 tsp Dish Soap
- 12oz of Distilled Water

Directions

Mix all the ingredients in a glass spray bottle and spray effected areas weekly until you no longer notice spider activity.

### Natural Spider Repellents #2 – Plant a Garden

Plant spider-repelling herbs around the perimeter of your home to deter them from taking up residency.

Spider repelling herbs for your garden include:

- lavender
- lemon balm
- lemon grass
- eucalyptus
- mint

Cedar mulch also helps deter spiders. You can also shake cinnamon around the exterior of your house. Cinnamon works great for ants too!

### Natural Spider Repellents #3 – Diatomaceous Earth (DE)

Sprinkle diatomaceous earth along the areas where you see bugs or spiders crawling. Make sure that the DE is distributed evenly, like a thin layer of dust.

Remember, DE won't stop bugs in their tracks, it will slowly dehydrate and kill bugs after coating them. The idea is to get bugs to move through DE in order to get exposed. House spiders are prime targets for DE. They are in a dry environment and can be dehydrated by DE quickly.

If you live in a trailer or on a crawlspace, spread DE underneath your home. You can also add mint essential oil to cotton balls and place under your house.