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A city girl goes country (part 7) – Lock up the house? No, the garden!

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Growing up in Brooklyn I learned early to lock the door to our apartment and our car and our mailbox. I always locked my bike and as a young mother, even my “top of the line” baby carriage. (I took the baby)

People are much more trusting here in the country. Some tell me they never lock their doors. Well, that's not me. I've even got deadbolts on every door.

However what really needs protection here is our garden. There are all kinds of creatures waiting to take advantage of our hard work.

We know that the deer were hardly waiting for something to sprout. After DH tilled the garden, I posted this photo the next morning as the deer were setting their GPS to return later.



DH started some seeds in the house and put a few little plants outside early – things that deer are not supposed to like.

Sage, basil and chives. No the deer aren't eating them. They're stomping them into the ground. I think that's their way of telling us to put out a better buffet.

We don't eat that, so plant something else.

Before DH put anything else out there, he needed to put up a tall fence.

Here it is.

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Tomorrow we're leaving for a cruise on the Danube. I'm not really concerned about our house. It would be a very foolish criminal to risk a felony for the stuff we've got. Besides, there will be plenty of family and friends taking advantage of our lake while we're away. It's the determined deer and assorted critters that worry me.

I hope when we return there will be significant growth in the garden and not on our waistslines.

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CD13252816

Have a blast. The Danube is fantastic! See you when you get back.



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CD13880950

Hope you have a wonderful time on your cruise!!!

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CD13886868

Hope your cruise goes great--take lots of pics! I hope the garden stays intact from the critters. I know from experience that living in the country presents all sorts of unique and un-thought of, unheard of, issues, lol. Take care!

2943 days ago



MISCHAKEO

Have a great river cruise. I know you will have a wonderful time. I hope your garden is growing while you are gone.



2945 days ago



BOOKAPHILE

Have a great trip! Maybe your guests will chase off any garden intruders that sneak past the fence.

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CD13434951

The deer are something else...I'm trying to find something to keep them away...a few people told me Irish Spring soap in the garden...supposedly, they don't like the strong smell...It's worth a try....

Have a great time on your cruise!

2945 days ago



CD13227574

I used to feed the deer at my place till they started coming around every time they heard the door latch click. Now the monsters are on their own, no more free handouts, and I hardly ever see



them, which suits me just fine. Greedy little b.....ds!
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COCK-ROBIN
Beautiful!
2945 days ago



MERRYMARY42
birds have been eaqting our peaches and bqby avocados, makes my DH crazy, but I keep telling him that they deserve their portions too, hope they leave us a bit enjoy your cruise. and I



sure hope you have a garden to come home to
2945 days ago



WATERMELLEN
I remember from our veggio garden days (when kids were small and I was home) that the raccoons were uncanny in knowing when to take the corn: the day BEFORE we thought it was ripe enough to pick!



You'll come back slim and with a glorious garden and envious deer looking through the fence at all your gorgeous produce. . . . absolutely!
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WILSONWR
Good luck with the garden and enjoy your cruise!
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ONEKIDSMOM
I hope you have a great time on your cruise... and that things OTHER than weeds are green and growing inside that fence when you get back!
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DOVESEYES
Enjoy your trip hey maybe you could start a deer garden away from yours!!!
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CD12566888
Once again...THANKS for the laugh. Hope you enjoy your trip and find some nice sprouts upon your return.



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LOLATURTLE
hahahaha. My parents have given up on growing anything except the occasional flowers in pots on the deck. The deer don't come up on the deck, but they get everything else.



Have a great trip!

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HAYBURNER1969
I dunno, Mom... that fence looks jumpable... (or maybe I can't judge the height from the photo) Let's hope for the best! They might leave it alone if the neighbor's garden is easier to get into.
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GINIEMIE
Hope your garden gets a chance to grow, and your plans for your trip prevent too much mid-section growth.
Hugs my friend.



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CD13629552
I thought Virginia deer were brutal.... until I met Oregon deer, that come right up on the porch to take seedlings that haven't even been carried out to the garden yet. That stand on the side of the driveway, ears back, looking like surly junk yard dogs, waiting for me to throw chicken scraps their way.



And, Oh... for some Virginia raccoons and skunks and wild turkeys instead of Oregon raccoons and skunks and wild turkeys!

I had friends who lived near that lake. They never locked their house, either. But someone did steal their four wheeler and took it for a joy ride!
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LEWILL1982
Have fun!
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BRAVELUTE
I hope the deer don't get stuck INSIDE the fence. ;)
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DR1939
We finally gave up the garden because of the deer. Enjoy your trip. I do love that area of the world. Budapest is a particularly lovely place. It tops my husband's list of favorite places.
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NINJALINDA
Here's hoping that shiny new fence keeps the critters at bay. I am exceptionally jealous of your trip. Have a bunch of fun, and then come here & report it. I need to live vicariously though



SOMEONE...it might as well be you
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