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**Landscaping Newsletter and Garden Tips
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**Sign up for our new contest.
Help a Deserving Family
Win a Free Tick Spray**

**Nominate a deserving family or individual.
Send us an email letting us know why this family
deserves a free tick repellent service.
Please be descriptive.**

Here's one of our technicians. Stephanie is holding Damminix tubes. We place them in landscape beds and areas of high brush.



Squirrels and mice take the treated cotton inside the Damminix tubes back to their nests to kill ticks there.

We designed this contest to help "give back" to our community. We'll select one family or individual we believe really needs our service. We promise to read everyone's letters.

The value of this tick repellent spray will be up to \$500.00.

Go to dellsadler.com to enter. The winner will be announced Tuesday, July 2, 2013.

*Here's what's going on
in my gardens...*



I call these "Red Hot Pokers."
A friend gave me a few
clippings several years ago.
Now, they're blossoming into
wild vibrant colors. They only
last about two weeks, then
they're gone until next year.

These Japanese Iris bloomed in
the spring. The bright purple
made a wonderful addition to
this spot in one of my front
garden beds. I see more and
more of this interesting variety.





Have you ever seen a blooming cactus? I have a Prickly Pear Cactus in full bloom on my deck. I bought it from a vendor at the Easton Farmers Market. Apparently, my cactus loves her new home.

July Garden Tips

* July always seems so intense in the garden. Our gardens are full of life as bees swarm among the flowers. Insects (both beneficial and harmful) flit and crawl. I've seen more than the usual amount of hummingbirds this year too. Here's a recent photo of my raised bed vegetable garden.



I've mentioned before that I like to plant marigolds around the border of my vegetable gardens. Not sure exactly how well they work as a natural insect deterrent, but they sure look pretty.

* A recent article entitled "Gardening with Dogs" was interesting. One of the tips suggested "retraining" your dog if he's digging holes in your favorite garden. Put bricks or chicken wire in the hole, then fill it in with soil and mulch. That spot will become 'unfriendly' to your dog, but won't hurt him. For more information and other tips, go to: [Living the Country Life - Gardening with Dogs](#).

* If you haven't done so already, be sure to stake tomato plants, other vegetables and tall flowers. It has been so windy this year. Plants suffer from wind damage too. We have stakes on more than the usual plant material this year. This year's rainy spring and early summer caused a rampant growth spurt in everything. I saw weeds as tall as I am.

* Pinch back chrysanthemums through mid-July. Then give the foliage free rein through the fall. You can prune them to avoid those gaping holes that occur in the middle of these plants. Or, if you're lazy like me, pinch back the bud to avoid blooming too early. Remember how gorgeous those colorful mums will look this fall.

* We sure grew a bumper crop of basil this summer. I may have to try my hand at making pesto. I've read that when harvesting basil, don't just remove individual leaves, but cut back whole stems. This will create a bushier plant that will produce more leaves and less flowers and scraggly growth. I also read that you should pick basil in the morning for the best flavor. This is when the oil content in the leaves is highest.



Notice a difference in this raised bed garden? We couldn't figure out why our beans and cucumbers weren't growing until Melissa and I saw a deer feeding on them at 5:00 one morning. We thought we were losing plants to rabbits, but we never saw their tracks. So, we replanted one last time and sprayed my natural/organic deer repellent around the bed (not on the vegetables.) I confess to losing interest in this garden. We've replanted three times as of the date of this newsletter.

Our Tick Repellent Program

I was bitten by a tick again. No hospitalization this time. Just a fast dosage of prescription Doxycycline, which left me feeling queasy and weak.

The bite developed into an oozing mess with a fiery red blotch running up my leg. I've had two bouts of extremely serious consequences from tick bites. This time wasn't as serious, but a tick

bite is always scary.

I spoke with Pam O'Brien again this morning. She's the winner of our free tick spray for June.

Pam reports a tick-free environment since we sprayed her property. Apparently, Pam lives in tick heaven. Her Mom lives in a home right beside her. They were both at high risk for tick bites.

Pam hit a nest while gardening one day. She described hundreds of tiny, speck-like ticks crawling on her at once. Her description made my own skin crawl.

She would sit on her patio, having coffee in the morning. When she'd come back inside, there were always several ticks on her.

After listening to Pam's vivid descriptions of the tick infestation around her home, I was happy that she was our contest winner. We like "giving back" to our community.

Our barrier tick repellent service is now helping hundreds of families in this area. I now offer a perimeter spray for ticks that is guaranteed to be effective. We'll return to your property and respray selected areas, if you find another tick.

We've also added an additional layer of protection to the program. Damminix tubes are one of my favorite parts of this service.

They're cardboard tubes, much like the roll from paper towels. They contain cotton balls which have been soaked in permethrin. It's deadly to ticks, but not for mice, squirrels and birds who take the cotton back to their nests.

Permethrin rubs off on the fur of the mouse or squirrel. Ticks are killed in their nests and can't be transferred back to you.

Please contact us for a no-cost estimate. We spray your property once in the spring and once in the fall for guaranteed results.

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One coupon per property, please.

