

## **Possible Deterrents to Groundhogs Entering Your Garden Plot**

We explored several websites for ideas on preventive measures to deter groundhogs from entering and destroying garden plots. They share similar ideas. These are summarized here and the website sources are listed.

- **Moving objects.** Apparently, groundhogs are easily frightened by sudden movement or reflective light. Suggestions for garden plots include hanging CDs or installing plastic windmills that turn in the breeze or small scarecrows that flap.
- **Epsom salts.** Scatter Epsom Salts around your plants. Epsom salts apparently discourages feeding. This method requires reapplication after rain or watering.

### **SOURCES.**

<http://www.phila.gov/health/pdfs/woodchucks.pdf>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Get-Rid-of-Groundhogs>

<http://icwdm.org/handbook/rodents/woodchucks.asp>