

Hostile Vegetation (aka shrubs with thorns)

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The following shrubs can be used to deter & or slow down burglars attempting to enter via first floor and basement windows in residential, commercial and some light industrial applications. They can also be planted in flower beds and/or other areas that homeless persons either sleep in or use as a toilet. They can be planted in on the interior side of a fence that can be easily climbed. When the incoming fence climbing trespasser “lands “ on the other side of the fence they will get a “sharp” surprise. One very large Southern Ontario automobile dealer after numerous vehicle thefts planted Russian Olive on the unfenced sides of his property. After the fast growing Russian Olive shrubs matured stolen vehicle losses were greatly reduced. A list of some other possible varieties follows. Unless you are an avid and experienced gardener conferring with an experienced landscape gardener is recommended. If the property you are protecting is close to a residential area warning signage such as “Warning. Keep children away from SHARP THORNS” is recommended. Possible species for use in Southern Ontario follow:

1. **Russian Olive:** Grows rapidly up to 20 feet tall, which is too tall for most flower beds. The photo below is of Russian Olive thorns.



2. Holly
3. Siberian Pea Shrub
4. Sea buck horn
5. Crown of Thorns
6. Gooseberry (edible fruit)
7. Jerusalem Thorn
8. Spirea

Plants with Pungent Odors

- 1. Skunk Cabbage** - emits its odor when bruised or crushed
- 2. Mint**- Strong Odor when grown in a patch
- 3. Titanarium**
- 4. Corpse Flowers**
- 5. Fever Few (strong odor when grown in a patch, & is difficult to kill)**

Exterior Wall Graffiti Screens:

- 1. Upright Juniper**
- 2. Spirea**
- 3. Fire Thorn**
- 4. Sea Buck Thorn**
- 5. Five Leaf Aralia :**

Note: Local Landscape Gardeners maybe able to provide you with a list of species compatible with your local soil and climatic conditions.

