

Castor Oil May Work Against BOTH Underground Pests

Castor oil definitely sends moles scurrying to do their tunneling in the neighbor's lawn. And many gardeners report that it chases nasty voles as well! Most garden centers now carry ready-made castor oil repellent products in sprayable and granular form. And here's a special note to our listeners with more exotic pest problems: The labels on some of these products say they're effective against armadillos and pocket gophers as well!

(If you can't find any such products in your local garden center, **Gardens Alive!** sells dry, spreadable castor oil under the name "**Mole-Med**")

Want to try mixing up your own at home? Just add two tablespoons of castor oil to a sprinkling can filled with a gallon of warm water, add two drops of dishwashing liquid, and sprinkle, stirring constantly, on the infested area.

Whether home-made or store bought, apply when the lawn and weather are dry. If heavy rains hit, repeat a day or two after they end; otherwise, reapply once a month until you see no new tunnels.