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Strawberry Jamming

By Kit Heathcock

Weâ€™re jamming!â€”strawberry jamming.

Musings on small farm living.

So why am I standing at the kitchen counter, blurry eyed at 9 oâ€™clock at night, sorting and chopping organic strawberries, when I should be tucked up on the sofa falling asleep over the latest Katie Fforde? (I also have several highbrow novels and some very interesting and challenging metaphysical reading lined up, but Katie Fforde wins out after a normal day with three children, four dogs, three cats all needing various forms of attention). Well, leaving the city for the country life and a bit of land, you decide to grow something, cos otherwise youâ€™re just a city slicker pretending to be a country person – like â€”all the others are tourists but Iâ€™m a cultured visitor â€” mentality. Anyway, so twelve strawberry plants, four years on have now become a commercial (sort of) organic growing business and, two months of the year, my evenings are spent making jam. The best strawberries get sold straight, no probs, but there are half as much again that are rejected due to no fault of their own, a peck mark, slight deformity or whatnot, and what am I going to do with them.

The trouble is living on a farm somehow brings out all the traditional frugal qualities of our ancestors â€” waste not want not â€” everything must be preserved, frozen, used profitably or else why did you put so much effort into growing them in the first place. So you canâ€™t lob 3 kilos of seconds into the bin, put it out for the rubbish collectors and forget about it. For a start there are no rubbish collectors, itâ€™ll sit there reproachfully until composted, attracting fruit flies, or else the chickens will get drunk on fermenting fruit!â€” so yummy delicious strawberry jam is the result.

So chopping strawberries, brain disengaged, do I think how lucky to be surrounded by so much luscious, decadent, fragrant fruit, or that I could never get excited about them again? Are the chickens going to start laying strawberry flavoured eggs soon from all the rejected rejects, and if so should I start making strawberry soufflÃ©? Looking at the chakra pages on

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red flower is the first chakra, is the strawberry the first fruit chakra? And if so what are all the others! .orange " oranges, easy! .yellow " lemons or bananas! .green " apples
! .we!re doing good! .now it gets harder! .blue!hmmm..click! blueberries (definitely not Smurf blue but still blue)! .indigo..are damsons indigo? Or mulberries (my fingers and the children!s clothes usually turn more of a burgundy colour after harvesting them)! what about violet!
!m getting stuck now and rambling madly off the subject, what was it?

Strawberries and chakras, which leads to health " what did Margaret Roberts say strawberries were good for!skin!well my two year old daughter used to help pick strawberries last year, until two weeks into the season she came out in a massive skin rash due to excessive overindulgence causing an allergic sensitivity, so I won!t be rubbing strawberries into her skin. Rich in antioxidants, killing viruses, lowering blood pressure, helping fight cancer " sounds like a miracle fruit to me. I think I need to be more respectful of them, after all, who can complain of evenings spent in such worthwhile company.

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How to Choose a Radar Jamming Device

By Bill Carmel

Radar detectors come in all shapes and sizes, but may not be effective enough to work to protect you against costly speeding tickets. Many motorists choose to invest in radar jamming devices instead of radar detectors that may leave your car unaware of potential speed traps, police officers, or state troopers waiting to ticket speeding.

Radar detectors do just that—detect radar beams that are being distributed from the radar guns of police officers or state troopers. If these radar guns are incompatible with the specific brand or type of radar detector your purchase, you will be left unaware of potential speed traps. Furthermore, radar detectors can be tricked by other items that are not meant to detect speeders. These false alarms can be annoying and still leave you open for potential speeding tickets that can not only wreck havoc on your wallet, but also your driving record and car insurance policy.

Radar jamming devices, again, work as named. These devices work to literally jam radar guns, so that police officers or state troopers will be unable to directly pinpoint your speed. Instead of radar detectors that can be tricked or evaded by the radar guns, a radar jamming device has to capability to

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work against the majority of radar guns used by law enforcement officials on the highways and roadways of this country.

Remember, even though your vehicle is equipped with a radar jamming device, you may still be at risk for speeding tickets. Although the radar gun of a police officer or state trooper may be jammed, most law enforcement officials are able to identify if a vehicle is speeding excessively, which can still result in a ticket. Furthermore, radar jamming devices may allow you certain leeway with law enforcement officials, but you should still abide by the posted speed limit in order to operate your vehicle in the safest manner possible.

If you are in the market for a radar jamming device, begin by setting an approximate budget for your purchase. This budget will allow you to easily find a radar jamming device that will work for your specific circumstances. Keep in mind that top of the line electronics may not necessarily be the best option for you. Look to purchase a quality piece of electronic equipment that will not break the bank.

Since a radar jamming device is a piece of electronic equipment, you should be sure to find a quality product that comes with a reputable warranty. This warranty will allow you to protect your investment in the event of malfunction or accident, so that your device can be repaired or completely replaced at little or no charge.

Ensure the radar jamming device your plan to purchase has an adequate range. Make an inquiry to the distance of the device so that your radar jamming device will be able to protect you from radar guns around every turn. Furthermore, ensure your device will work in a variety of environments, including sun, rain, and even snow.

Finally, when choosing a radar jamming device, you should be completely aware of the legal laws of your state or city. Just as with radar detectors, radar jamming devices are illegal in some areas and many states have completely blocked the use of these anti-radar items. If radar detectors or radar jamming devices are considered illegal in your state, motorists with a forbidden device in their vehicle

can rack up a phenomenal fee. If your state has anti radar detectors or radar jamming devices, be sure to abide by the laws and avoid purchasing or installing either of these electronic items for your own good.

Bill Carmel is a reseller and a user of radar detectors, he specializes in testing all sorts of detectors. For more information, please visit

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