

Slug Stoppers

There are a variety of slug traps, repellents, and deterrents you can use to get rid of these pests. Try any one or all of the following:



- Hand pick and dump them into a pail of saltwater to finish 'em off. Spraying 'em with white vinegar, or sprinkling salt on them, will do the same thing.
- Lay a few boards, shingles, and even sheets of newspaper in your garden to use as traps. Slugs like to hide in dark, moist places during the day, so check your “traps” daily. Dispose of any little critters you find with the above methods.
- Set pie tins filled with beer, grape juice, cider vinegar mixed with sugar, or fermented fruit, at ground level. The slugs crawl in to drink, and drown themselves!
- Use copper strip barriers around your garden—slugs get an electric shock when they touch 'em.
- Take old screens, cut out 6–8" square sections, and use them as collars around tender young plants.
- Sprinkle coarse hair, like that from horses' tails, around areas you want to protect.
- Aluminum foil can also be used as a barrier. Wrap 4" strips around the stems of the plants you want to guard. The slugs will try to climb it, but can't.