

Top Tips

Using Slug Pellets Safely



- **Storage:** store securely away from children and pets
- **Application:** apply thinly and evenly as directed on the label.
- **Disposal:** dispose of any unused product responsibly

Use plant protection products safely.
Always read the label and
product information before use

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Safe Control of Garden Slugs



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How to Protect your Plants from Slugs and Snails

Slugs and snails are the number one pest problem in many gardens, where our mild and damp climate allows them to thrive. Natural predators like birds, frogs, hedgehogs and ground beetles help to control slugs and snails and should be encouraged in the garden. Something as simple as a pile of rotting logs will entice them in!



To protect your plants a wide range of options are available including:

- Coarse grit and other barrier material
- Various traps such as beer
- Copper tape around pots
- Gel repellents
- Parasitic nematodes (biological control agent)
- Slug pellets.

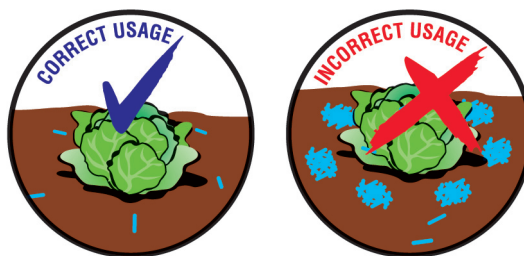
One solution commonly chosen by gardeners is slug pellets. They are highly effective, and easy to use.

Safety for children and pets

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When using slug pellets there are a number of simple rules that should be followed.

- Read the label carefully before use to ensure correct application, storage and disposal
- Avoid over application: pay particular attention to the distance between each pellet. Pellets should be scattered thinly, and applied evenly to minimise risk to pets, birds and other wildlife like hedgehogs. Slug pellets should never be applied in heaps, or in a continuous row
- Only apply slug pellets around the plants that need to be protected. In practice most of the garden will be untreated.



When applied according to label instructions slug pellets should have no significant effect on the wildlife in the garden or the environment.

Once applied, slug pellets can continue working for up to 14 days but in wet weather repeated treatments may be needed to keep plants protected.



Safety for wildlife

Safe Storage and Disposal of Slug Pellets



Here are the key ways to ensure safe storage and disposal:

- Store the product securely away from children and pets especially dogs
- Try to avoid buying more product than you need for the season
- The best way to dispose of slug pellets is to use them in the garden according to label instructions
- Empty containers can be disposed of safely in household waste
- Dispose of unused product in its container at a registered household waste site. Contact your local waste disposal authority, County Council or Unitary Council for details.

- Be aware that some slug pellets if ingested in sufficient quantity can be fatal to pets. If ingestion is suspected, veterinary advice should be sought immediately. If available, take the product packaging with you to aid diagnosis and treatment.
- Pet owners should keep their vet's number readily available and be aware of the out of hours service.



Safety for the environment