

Slug season is here – are you prepared?

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Experts at weed, feed and control brand Neudorff are predicting nothing less than a slug explosion in the coming weeks, with billions hatching and wreaking havoc in our gardens.

“The recent warm spell over the Easter weekend combined with the forecasted wet weather will provide the perfect conditions for adult and newly hatched slugs, with the latter looking to feed their ferocious appetites and will head straight for the tender foliage of young plants. We are advising gardeners to be prepared with slug controls to ensure their hard work in the garden is preserved,” said Jude Beharall from Neudorff.

To control these hungry pests without harming other beneficial wildlife such as birds and hedgehogs apply Neudorff’s Sluggo® Slug & Snail Killer. The effective formula is approved for organic use by the Organic Farmers & Growers Association and stops slugs eating quickly, causing them to retreat under the soil where they die, leaving your garden free of dead slugs, snails and slime trails.

Sluggo’s rain resistant pellets are metaldehyde free* and contain the active ingredient Iron-III-Phosphate, which occurs naturally in the environment. The pellets are biodegradable and any that remain uneaten will convert into iron and phosphate in the soil, delivering added nutrients to plants. Edible plants can be harvested immediately after using.

Sluggo® can be found at garden centres across the UK or online priced at GBP6.99 for a 1kg plastic-free recyclable box.

For more information visit www.neudorff.co.uk.

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

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*Restrictions on slug pellets containing metaldehyde come into action on 30th June 2019 with retailers being urged to withdraw products containing it ahead of the full ban in 2020.

FACTS about slugs and snails...

- ... can eat poisonous toadstools with no ill effects
- ... are related to clams and squid
- ... have been on earth for approximately 500 million years
- ... slugs can live up to 2 years, Snails can incredibly live to be 10 years old!
- ... lay up to 400 eggs per year
- ... are all hermaphrodites

Here are some tips to help prevent your slug problem getting out of hand:

* Fence beds and borders with a special slug barrier

- * Water only in the morning, not at night, as slugs and snails hate dry soil
- * Encourage the natural enemies of slugs and snails to make your garden their home: hedgehogs, birds, toads and shrews all love to eat slugs and snails – and won't cost you a penny
- * Mulch beds with dry materials as thinly as possible so that the top layer is just covered
- * Loosen soil repeatedly to destroy their underground hiding places
- * Do not overly dig soil in the autumn as slugs and snails are very fond of laying their eggs under freshly dug clods of soil – instead simply loosen with a garden fork

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