

# Ban slugs and snails from your vegetable patch - use the Hanover slug fence!

- Consists of galvanized metal strips and corner pieces which prevent slugs from entering your vegetable patch or flower bed
- Unique bent-over lip which slugs and snails can't overcome
- Modular system slots together, easy to install
- Lasts for years (same material as drain pipes)
- Reasonably priced - suitable for both small and large gardens
- Buy a small kit today - enlarge it later when you have seen how good it is
- Much better than beer traps, which simply attract more slugs from the neighbours
- No chemicals (you don't want to poison the birds, do you?)

## The Hanover Slug fence (Made in Germany)

The Hanover slug fence is an effective mechanical barrier against slugs. It is particularly suitable for vegetable patches. The slugs are unable to climb around the double sharp bend at the top of the fence. During the day, slugs like to hide in damp, dark crevices or under leaves. But they won't like to rest on dry metal, which can get quite hot in the sun.

The slug fences are made of robust, long-lasting galvanized metal strips. The modular system allows you to enclose a garden plot of any required size. They do not require any chemicals, salt or electrical power. In addition they act as a weed barrier at the edge of the plot.



The photo shows 8 strips and 4 corner pieces for a plot of 3 square meters in size. Each strip is 1 m long and 25 cm high.

## Assembly

Draw a furrow which is about 10 cm deep around the plot, slot the strips into each other (they should normally overlap by about 4 cm), fit the corner pieces and place the assembled slug fence into the furrow. Then replace the earth and tread it down firmly, taking care that the corners and joints are properly closed. If the strips are longer than your plot, you can overlap them by up to about 50 cm. If you are assembling the slug fence on your own without help, you may find it helpful to make sure that the corners are tightly closed by fixing them in place with adhesive tape or double-sided carpet tape until you tread down the earth (you needn't remove the tape afterwards).

After installing the fence, you must remove all of the slugs which are already inside the fence. Either collect them manually (late evening is a good time – use a torch) or place a plank within the fence and collect the slugs which are hiding under the plank after a day or two. Or you can use a beer trap: half bury a yoghurt jar within the fence and fill it with beer (Irish beer is ideal for this). The slugs are attracted by the beer, fall in and drown. Empty the trap in the morning. It is also important to prevent plants from growing over the fence, which provide a „bridge“ for the slugs to climb over, and to trim the grass or weeds around the perimeter of the fence.



By the way, beer traps are no good without the slug fence - they attract slugs from the neighbour's garden, too.

Be careful, too, not to use compost which already contains slug eggs (they look a bit like very small white pearls).

The photo shows the detail of a corner piece with the double bend.

One standard kit (box of 10 x 1 m strips and 4 corner pieces) is sufficient for an area of up to 2 x 3 m = 6 m<sup>2</sup>. Two boxes of strips and 4 corner pieces are sufficient for an area of 25 m<sup>2</sup>.

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