



# AZILDA GREENHOUSES

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## 1 Million Acts of Green

### SLUGS and SNAILS

These leave large ragged holes in plant leaves, sometimes a trail of slime,



#### Control:

- ▶ Keep garden free of debris
  - ▶ Sprinkle bands of coarse, dry scratchy materials such as cinders, wood ashes, cedar sawdust and diatomaceous earth (silicone dioxide) around plants or beds to irritate the soft bodies – renew frequently as moisture may lessen the scratching texture of the material
  - ▶ Put 4" to 8" copper strips (flashing) into the soil around beds
  - ▶ Lay boards, cabbage leaves, pieces of raw potato or overturned clay pots around the garden for slugs and snails to hide in during the day – check these spots and destroy the pests
  - ▶ Hand pick from plants and destroy
  - ▶ Set out saucers of beer – sunk to ground level for snails to crawl into.  
Remove drowned pests daily  
Home brew beer recipes
    - Recipe 1     Mix cider vinegar with sugar
    - Recipe 2     Allow fruit peelings to ferment in a quart of water, along with ½ package of dry yeast and ½ cup of beer
    - Recipe 3     Mix 1 pound of brown sugar with ½ package of dry yeast in a plastic gallon jug and fill with warm (80 degrees F) water. Let this ferment for one or two days, uncovered.
  - ▶ Interplant prostrate rosemary or artemesia among plants they like.  
You can also make an artemesia tea and spray around the plants.  
**NEVER taste the artemesia tea! Poisonous!**
  - ▶ Slugs will not pass over powdered ginger spread around plants
  - ▶ Place strips of tinfoil at least 1 and half inches wide completely around the plants Hold the tinfoil in place with toothpicks, bobby pins or wire
  - ▶ Use hot pepper spray around slug targets . Blend hot chili peppers with water and a few drops of liquid dish soap. Strain and spray
  - ▶ Place finely chopped hair around the plants. The tiny hair sticks to the slug, irritating the soft moist skin and the slug dehydrates himself to death in his efforts to expel the irritating hairs.
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- ▶ Bugs, Slugs and Other Thugs Controlling Garden Pests Organically By Rhonda Massingham Hart
  - ▶ How to get your Lawn and Garden Off Drugs - Pesticide free gardening for a healthier environment. By Carole Rubin
  - ▶ Rodale – The Organic Gardeners Handbook of Natural Insect and Disease Control  
A complete Problem Solving Guide to Keeping Your Garden and Yard Healthy without Chemicals.  
Edited by Barbara W. Ellis and Fern Marshall Bradley
  - ▶ Botanix Plant Protection Centre.
  - ▶ Suggestions from Garden Centre Customers