



SLUG PREVENTION

Vashon-Maury Island Purchasing Guide

Low Environmental Impact Slug Prevention

Beer Traps	Safer Copper Barrier
Copper Tape	Safer Copper Tape
Iron Phosphate products	Sluggo
Lilly-Miller Slug and Snail Defense	Worry Free Slug & Snail Bait
Lilly-Miller Worry Free Slug and Snail Removal	

High Environmental Impact Slug Prevention

Corry's Slug and Snail Death	Metaldehyde
Deadline	Monterey Slug It
Lilly-Miller Go West Meal	Ortho Slug Gut
Lilly-Miller Snail and Slug Pellets	Rain Tough Deadline Slug and Snail Killer



Many people want to purchase slug prevention products which have little or no known negative environmental and health impact. This guide can help you make those choices. It is comprehensive, but due to size, we have had to limit the number of products. There are some products on the Island for which we found no information. We are fortunate that Island garden retailers want to help protect our water resources so be sure to **BUY LOCAL!**

We listed products based on:

Discussions with Island retailers and an inventory of products they expected to have available in Spring 2007;

Discussions with Dr. Philip Dickey, staff scientist at Washington Toxics Coalition (WTC) and Dr. Jack Barbash, environmental chemist with expertise on groundwater contamination issues;

Information in the WTC publication “grow smart, grow safe” in which Dr. Dickey reviewed environmental impacts of active ingredients in lawn and garden products;

A review of the Institute of Environmental Research and Education’s (IERE) compilation of the Washington State Department of Agriculture listing of heavy metals in fertilizer available on Vashon-Maury Island.

Before using slug prevention products:

Read instructions for all products and use them with care. Apply in the correct season and in the right quantities to help protect our water and wildlife.

For more information on these compounds in the environment, visit:

for pesticides <http://ca.water.usgs.gov/pnsp>

for fertilizers <http://water.usgs.gov/nawqa/nutrients>