

Sow Bugs, Pillbugs, Slugs, Snails

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These pests can do a great deal of damage and this is to give you several options for control. They are primarily a concern in moist and dark areas in the spring and fall although they can be found in the home garden throughout the growing season. Young seedlings and tender growth are especially vulnerable but they can also attack mature plantings.



Signs of Damage:

They strip foliage and leave large jagged holes in the edges of your plants.

Slugs and Snails:



They do a great deal of damage at night and since they are toppers: They love beer and will drown in saucers of it. Even empty beer cans can be placed in the garden in the evening to attract them and then put the cans in the trash the next morning. You can also destroy the pests from the cans and then recycle the cans.

They also love honey and will drown in a saucer of it. They dislike oak leaves and wormwood will repel them by its bitterness. Snails are reluctant to cross

lines of ashes or hydrated lime. Note: be careful about placing ashes in the garden because of the soils in Parker County. If you choose to use the ashes, just put a thin line around the plants you are trying to protect. Human hair can be used; pecan hulls or anything that is considered sharp to the soft bodies of the slug and snail can be effective.

Sevin baits, Sevin dusts and other baits are effective. You may have to retreat after a heavy rain or heavy watering. Remove the breeding sites that include garden debris.

So you see, there are several choices to help rid your garden of these pests.

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