Snails and Slugs

Today on Gardening in a Minute: snails and slugs.

Snails and slugs are bothersome garden pests that feed on a variety of plants.

They move by gliding along on a muscular foot, and are most active at night and on cloudy and foggy days.

All snails and slugs can lay eggs, leaving them in the soil, under leaves, and in other hidden areas.

Besides the slime trails they leave behind, telltale signs of snails and slugs are the irregular holes with smooth edges found on leaves, flowers, and ripening fruit.

To manage your snail and slug problems, first eliminate their hiding places, like stones, debris, and weedy spots.

You can scout your landscape and hand-pick the ones you find, use pitfall traps, or scatter iron phosphate bait. It’s safe for use around children and animals!

For more information about snails and slugs and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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