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## **Electronic Slug and Snail Deterrent Protects Gardens without Chemicals**

**VICTORIA, BC (March 15, 2007)** Contech Electronics, developer of the ScareCrow® motion-activated animal deterrent, today introduced an electronic slug and snail fence that protects gardens without chemicals. The SlugsAway™ slug and snail deterrent is a safe and effective alternative to slug and snail baits. SlugsAway surrounds a flower bed, raised vegetable garden or favorite planting of new seedlings with a low, compact fence that forms a harmless, yet effective, electronic barrier. When a slug or snail attempts to climb the fence, it receives a mild static sensation (undetectable to pets and humans), causing it to change its path away from the protected area.

Left unchecked, slugs and snails can cause significant damage in little time; while feasting on seedlings, strawberries, dahlias, hostas and more, slugs can consume several times their own body weight in a single night. Eradication or control of slugs and snails can be difficult and costly, and some traditional options — like pesticides containing metaldehyde — can be toxic to pets and wildlife. Also, some slug baits can prove less effective in rainy weather, and need to be reapplied throughout the season. As a simple yet effective alternative, the SlugsAway electronic deterrent is easy to set up, and can harmlessly protect your garden all season long on a single nine-volt battery.

The SlugsAway's low, attractive 24-foot long mesh fence protects up to 32 square feet (for example, a 4 x 8 foot vegetable garden). For larger areas, an optional extension fence doubles the protected area. Completely harmless to pets, children, wildlife — and even slugs and snails — the SlugsAway slug and snail deterrent is ideal for organic gardeners who choose to keep their gardens chemical-free.

SlugsAway is available now from Contech Electronics. For more information, visit [www.contech-inc.com/products/slugsaway/](http://www.contech-inc.com/products/slugsaway/).

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***About Contech Electronics***

*Established in 1987, Contech Electronics is a designer and provider of advanced animal training, control and wellness products for pet owners and gardeners around the world. Safe and effective solutions such as the ScareCrow® motion-activated sprinkler continue to reinforce the company's reputation as a leading innovator in the pet and garden industries. For more information, visit [www.contech-inc.com](http://www.contech-inc.com)*