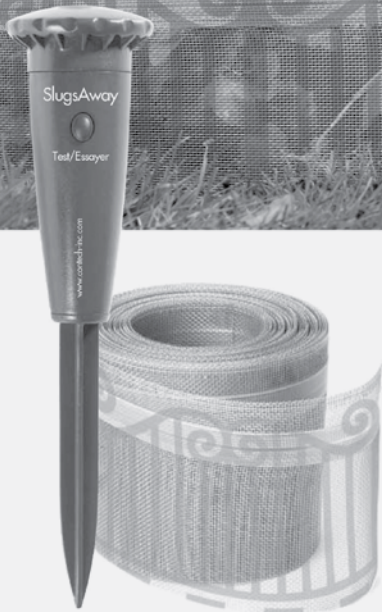


# SlugsAway®

ELECTRONIC SLUG AND SNAIL FENCE

## Owner's Guide



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## Features

The SlugsAway slug and snail deterrent is a safe and effective way to keep slugs and snails out of your garden. When a slug or snail tries to climb the SlugsAway fence, it receives a mild static sensation causing it to change its path away from your garden. This static sensation cannot be felt by humans or other animals.

The SlugsAway is:

- environmentally friendly (no pesticides)
- safe for pets and children
- easy to set-up and use

## Parts

Before you set-up your SlugsAway, make sure the package contains the following parts:

- one power pack
- one power pack stake
- five fence pegs
- one 24-foot roll of fence
- Slug trap (2 pieces)



*Slug Traps: Do not discard the two pieces of plastic packing material. They will be used for the slug trap.*

## Set-Up

Choose the garden area that you want to protect from snails and slugs. Measure the perimeter to ensure that it is 24 feet or less. If you need to enclose a larger area, an extension kit is available from Contech (call us at 1.800.767.8658 or visit us online at [www.contech-inc.com](http://www.contech-inc.com)).

Once you have decided on the area you want to protect, complete the following steps to set-up your SlugsAway.

### Install the battery

1. Snap the power pack stake on to the power pack.
2. Insert a new 9-volt battery into the power-pack (as shown on the inside of the battery compartment). Use a brand name alkaline or good quality rechargeable battery.
3. Screw the cap back on the power-pack, making sure that the gasket ring is still in place and is clean.



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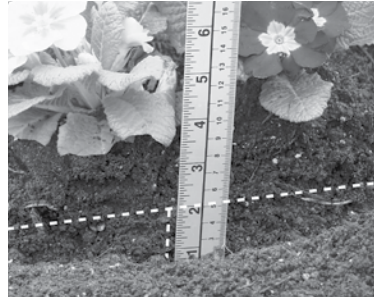
### Test the battery

1. Locate the red test button on the side of the power-pack and the clear window on the cap.
2. Looking in the window, press the test button and hold it down.
3. If you see a green light, your SlugsAway is working properly and you can continue to the next step. Otherwise, go to the Troubleshooting section in this guide.



### Position the power-pack and fence pegs in your garden

1. Dig a narrow trench 2 inches (5 cm) deep around the outside edge of the area you want to protect. This is where you will place the SlugsAway and snail fence.
2. Assemble the power pack by firmly sliding the power pack stake sideways into the base of the power pack until it clicks.




3. Push the power pack into the ground at one of the corners of your garden area. (This should be the corner that is easiest to reach, so you will be able to easily check the power pack and change the battery when needed.)



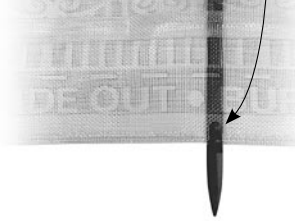
*Do not use a hammer or other tool to drive the power pack into the ground as it will damage the unit. Use your hands only. If the soil is hard, loosen it before inserting the power pack.*

4. Push the fence pegs into the ground around the perimeter of your garden, making sure that the hooks face outward. If you have fence pegs left over, place them part way along the length of your garden for extra support.

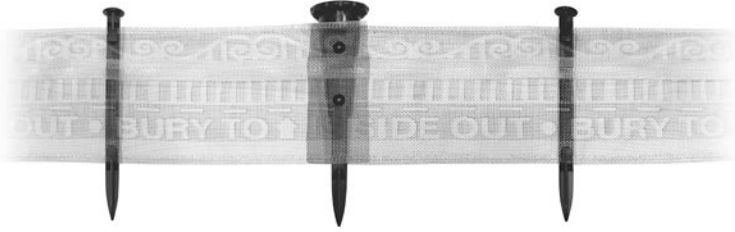
## Attach the fence

1. When working with the fence, wear gloves to protect your hands from any stray sharp wires. Examine the fence to locate the dotted line and the words "THIS SIDE OUT". Note that the SlugsAway only works if the printing faces away from the protected area of the garden, and the fence is buried up to the dotted line.
2. Pull the two snap buttons off the side of the power pack. Place the bottom of the fence in the hook near the bottom of the power pack. With one post above the plastic strip and the other post below the plastic strip, poke the posts through the fence about 1 inch (2.5 cm) from the end of the roll.
3. Push the snap buttons back on to the power pack.
4. Check that:
  - The edge of the fence marked "THIS SIDE OUT" is at the bottom of the power pack facing toward the outside of the garden bed.
  - The fence reaches the bottom of the 2-inch trench.
  - The main body of the power pack is inside the garden area you are protecting. (If this is done incorrectly, the snails and slugs will use the power pack to climb over the fence.)



5. Unroll the fence until you reach the first peg. Gently bend the fence, taking care not to crease it, and slip it under the two hooks. (Ensure the peg is located on the inside of the area you are enclosing.)
6. Ensuring the bottom of the fence is at the bottom of the trench, fill the trench with soil. (If you can still see the dotted line, the fence is not buried deep enough to stop the slugs from getting underneath.)

- Continue to unroll the fence and attach it to each peg, burying the fence as you go.
- When you reach the power pack, remove the snap buttons and attach the end of the fence to the posts, so the fence ends overlap. Push the snap buttons back on to the power pack.



- If there is more than 2 inches (5 cm) of fence left over and you are sure that you will not require the remaining fence, cut it off with heavy scissors. If you wish to keep the extra fence attached, overlap it with the existing fence making sure they line up. Secure it with twine or any non-metal material.

### ***Test the SlugsAway***

- Locate the red test button on the side of the power pack and the clear window on the top lid.
- While looking at the window, press and hold the test button.
- If you see a green light, your SlugsAway is working properly. If you cannot see a light or the light shows a different colour, go to the Troubleshooting section of this guide.

### ***Set-up the slug trap***

The SlugsAway prevents slugs and snails from entering the area it encloses; however, when you first install your SlugsAway there may already be snails and slugs – and their eggs – in your garden. Some of them could be buried or too small to see. To catch these snails and slugs within the protected area, use the green slug trap (included).



- Line up the two slug-trap pieces and snap them together to form a box.
- Pour beer or any other liquid slug bait into the side openings.
- Place the slug trap inside the area surrounded by the SlugsAway fence, preferably in a shady location.
- Place something heavy on top of or inside the slug trap to prevent it blowing away.

## Troubleshooting

If you push the test button on the power pack and there is no light in the window, or the light is not green, use the following table to resolve your problem.

Light	Problem	Solution
No Light	The battery was inserted incorrectly or is not working.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make sure the battery is installed correctly.</li><li>• Remove the battery and insert it again.</li><li>• Try using another battery.</li></ul>
Red	The battery is low.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace the battery with a new one.</li></ul>
Yellow	Bad connection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check that the fence above the plastic strip is not touching the fence below the plastic strip.</li><li>• If the fence is very dirty, clean it (see the Maintenance section of this guide).</li><li>• Remove any plants that touch the fence above and below the plastic strip.</li></ul>

If you find slugs or snails in your garden, it is likely that they were there before you set up the SlugsAway; however, it's a good idea to:

- Press the test button on the power pack and check that the light in the window is green.
- Make sure the power pack and fence pegs are on the inside of the garden.
- Check that the full length of the fence is buried to the dotted line.
- Look for plants on the outside of the fence that would allow the snails or slugs to climb over the fence.
- Check that your slug trap still has some beer or bait in it.

## Maintenance

The SlugsAway requires very little maintenance; however, the following procedures will ensure that it continues to protect your garden from slugs and snails.

Frequency	Procedure
At least weekly.	Remove any vegetation that touches the outside of the fence. Test the SlugsAway using the procedure outlined in the 'Test the SlugsAway' section of this guide.
When required.	Empty and refill the slug trap.
When the fence is very dirty.	Clean the fence. Support the mesh by holding a piece of wood or other firm, flat object against one side of it. Spray the other side of the fence with water and scrub gently with a plastic brush. Rinse off with water.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### *How long does the battery last?*

The battery should last for about eight months.

### *Can I keep the SlugsAway outside all year round?*

Yes, but if you do not need it for a long period of time, it is good practice to take it inside, remove the battery and thoroughly dry all parts before putting them in storage.

### *Can I attach my own fence to the SlugsAway?*

No. The fence used by the SlugsAway is a special two-part design that is required for the static sensation.

### *What if I need more fence pegs?*

You can use other wooden or plastic stakes or tent pegs. Attach them to the fence with non-metal ties, or if you use a staple gun, ensure the staples don't cross over the plastic strip. (Note that staples may cause the fence to corrode.)

### *Can I attach the SlugsAway to my raised garden bed?*

Yes, follow the set up procedure in this guide, but position the power pack and fence pegs against the outside edge of the raised bed. For added support, fasten the top of the fence to the raised bed. (Note that staples may cause the fence to corrode.)

### *How do I get more information?*

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