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SLUG CONTROL TIP

After reading the article "Understanding Slugs is Key to Control" in the July/August issue of the magazine, I thought I would offer a tip that I discovered this year. It also provides another use for those "disposable" water bottles. I slice off the top of a bottle at its widest point so it creates a funnel. Then I insert the funnel back into the bottle, so the funnel is pointing downward, and staple the edges together. I put some Sluggo (one of the iron phosphate-based slug controls) into the bottle and place it on its side under a hosta. The slugs crawl into the bottle to get the bait but they can't get out, and the Sluggo does not wash away or leach into the soil. I replace the bottle every few weeks, or when it gets too disgusting.

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I enjoyed reading the article about growing cactus in the Pacific Northwest (July/August). However, the editing pushed one of my buttons. I was born and raised in the state of Washington. I worked in Washington, D.C. There is *no* Washington State—just as there is no Massachusetts State or Vermont State. I understand that in the eyes of most of the world, Washington means the capital of the United States; however, that doesn't justify changing the name of my home state.

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