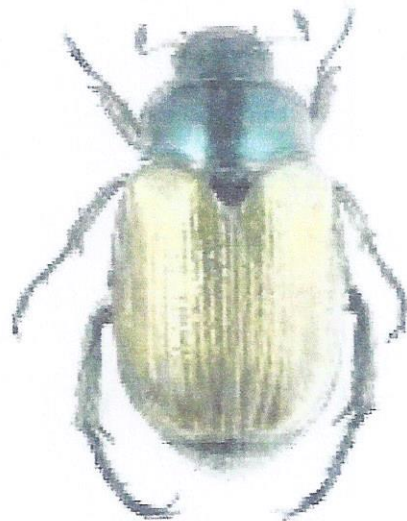


The Garden Chafer Trap

Chafer grubs are a destructive pest of lawns and grass areas. They can also attack vegetables, annuals and some bulb plants. The adult beetles have also been known to cause damage to apples in orchards. Large numbers of grubs cause grass to turn yellow and the roots can be completely consumed. The grubs also attract wildlife like badgers and birds to rip up the grass looking for the grubs to feed on.

This damage can be very unsightly and destructive. The most common species found in lawns is the Garden Chafer; *Phyllopertha horticola*. The adults are about 9mm long with a green metallic coloured head and thorax. The wing cases are light brown. The larvae are creamy white and normally c-shaped with three pairs of legs near the light brown head end and are approx 10 to 15mm long. Adult beetles emerge from the soil between May and June. They tend to emerge at the end of the day at dusk. They then lay their eggs in grass or turf, which develop into Chafer larvae a few weeks later.

One way to detect whether Garden Chafers are present is the use of the Garden Chafer Grub Trap. This trap will catch adult beetles and give an early warning of Chafer Grub activity and the lawn damage that will follow. It will also help reduce the number of egg laying adults in the surrounding area. By monitoring the trap contents more accurate applications of nematodes or other lawn treatments can be applied against the Chafer grub larvae.



The Garden Chafer trap is supplied with a powerful pheromone, which attracts adult Garden Chafer beetles (*Phyllopertha horticola*) to the trap. The beetles fly into the vanes and drop down into the funnel trap beneath. The trap can be re-used each year when a new pheromone capsule is added. The trap should be placed in lawn areas and hung 50-100cm above ground level. The Garden Chafer Trap should be put out in May. The beetles normally fly from mid May to early June. One trap will cover up to 2000sq metres or half an acre.

Instructions for use

Interlock the vanes (A into B) and insert the four plastic pins in to the corresponding holes on the funnel.

Push the lid firmly into position on to the vanes.

Fix the funnel to the bucket with a twist action lining up the slots.

Feed the string through the holes in the lid.

Attach the trap to a garden cane with the string at a height of 50-100cm.

Remove the Pheromone from the aluminium sachet (plastic vial containing liquid attractant). Cut the top of the vial off with scissors, then keeping upright place in the cage and seal with the cap. Insert the cage into the hole at the top of the lid and push down making sure the case is secure.

The aluminium sachet containing the pheromone lure should be stored in a freezer or fridge until use. If stored in a freezer at -18°C the lures will have a shelf life of 2 years from the date of production.

Please ensure you wash your hands after handling the pheromone. The pheromone will remain active for 6 weeks.

Keep the pheromone out of the reach of children

Components : Natural Bucket, Green Funnel, Green Vanes, Green Lid, String, Cap, Cage and pheromone lure.



Not to scale

