

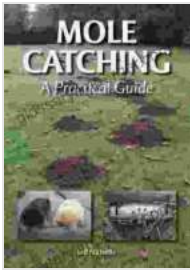
Mole Catching: A Practical Guide to Eliminate Moles from Your Property

Moles are small, burrowing mammals that can cause significant damage to lawns, gardens, and other landscaped areas. Their underground tunnels can disrupt plant roots, disfigure turf, and create unsightly mounds of dirt. If you're struggling with a mole problem, this comprehensive guide will provide you with the knowledge and techniques needed to effectively eliminate these pests from your property.

There are dozens of different mole species found around the world, but the most common species in North America are the eastern mole and the star-nosed mole.

- **Eastern moles:** Eastern moles are the most common mole species in the eastern United States. They are typically dark brown or black in color and have a long, pointed snout. Eastern moles prefer moist, well-drained soils and are often found in lawns, gardens, and agricultural fields.
- **Star-nosed moles:** Star-nosed moles are found in the northeastern United States and Canada. They are easily recognizable by their distinctive star-shaped nose. Star-nosed moles prefer wet, marshy areas and are often found near ponds, streams, and wetlands.

Moles are solitary creatures that typically live in underground burrows. They are most active during the spring and fall when the soil is moist and easy to burrow through. Moles have a highly developed sense of smell and hearing, but their eyesight is poor.



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Trapping is the most effective way to eliminate moles from your property. There are a variety of different mole traps available, including:

- **Scissor traps:** Scissor traps are a simple and inexpensive option for mole trapping. They are made of two metal jaws that snap shut when a mole triggers the trigger plate. Scissor traps should be placed in active mole tunnels.
- **Harpoon traps:** Harpoon traps are more expensive than scissor traps, but they are also more effective. Harpoon traps have a spring-loaded harpoon that is fired when a mole triggers the trigger plate. Harpoon traps can be placed in active mole tunnels or in runways.
- **Cage traps:** Cage traps are a humane option for mole trapping. They are made of a wire mesh cage with a door that can be closed when a mole enters the trap. Cage traps should be placed in active mole tunnels.

When trapping moles, it is important to use the right bait. Moles are attracted to the smell of grubs, earthworms, and peanut butter. You can also use a commercial mole bait that is specifically designed to attract moles.

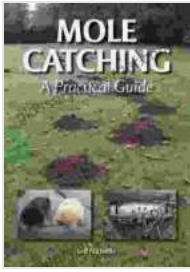
Once you have eliminated the moles from your property, you will want to take steps to prevent them from returning. Here are a few tips:

- **Eliminate mole food sources:** Moles feed on grubs, earthworms, and other insects that live in the soil. By eliminating these food sources, you can make your property less attractive to moles. Aerate your lawn regularly to reduce the number of grubs, and keep your lawn free of thatch and debris.
- **Seal up mole tunnels:** Moles will often use existing tunnels to travel through your property. By sealing up these tunnels, you can make it more difficult for moles to move around. You can seal up tunnels by filling them with dirt or by using a commercial mole repellent.
- **Install a mole fence:** A mole fence is a physical barrier that can be installed around your property to keep moles out. Mole fences are typically made of wire mesh or plastic, and they are buried underground.

Moles can be a nuisance pest, but they can be effectively eliminated from your property with the right approach. By understanding mole species and behavior, using effective trapping methods, and implementing preventive measures, you can keep your lawn and garden free of these pests.

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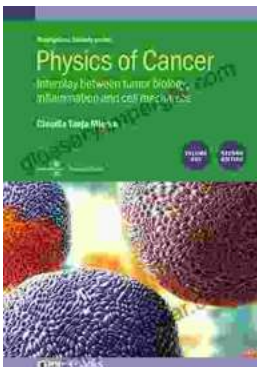


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