

# EASY MOLE TRAP

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### SET THE TRAP

**LOCATE** an active surface tunnel as indicated by fresh, moist ridges of disturbed earth.

**PREP** a 12-18" long area of the tunnel by inserting a small stick into the tunnel several times. This creates airholes. Then press down on the center of the prepped area with the heel of your foot to gently flatten and partially collapse one small area of the tunnel. The result should be a flattened area about 6" wide with airholes on each side.

**GRASP** the trap by the top lever with a gloved hand. The scissor jaws should be closed, and the trap not yet set.

**POSITION** the trap over the center of the flattened area with the top lever perpendicular to the tunnel. (When in the correct position, the scissors will NOT straddle the tunnel, but instead be in-line with the direction of the tunnel.)

**PUSH** the closed scissor jaws into the flattened area using a rocking motion until the frame is flush with the ground. Before stepping on the trap, adjust the trigger disk so it is parallel with the ground.

**STEP** straight down on the trap, keeping the trigger stem as vertical as possible, until set. Both top levers will now be parallel with the ground. Hard ground and/or tree roots may require you to repeat the stepping motion to set the trap.

**CATCH MOLES!** When the trap is triggered, the scissor jaws will snap shut and the levers will pop up.

### REMOVE THE MOLE

**GRASP** the top lever and slowly pull upwards with a rocking motion until the trap is completely removed from the ground.

**HOLD** onto the frame of the trap with one hand on each short side.

**POSITION** the top lever against your body.

**PUSH** the lever against your body just enough to release the mole from the scissor jaws. **WARNING: Keep hands and fingers away from scissor jaws and do NOT open further as injury can occur.**

### DISARM THE TRAP

**INSERT** a stick or screwdriver under the top lever.

**LIFT UP** until the springs engage and levers pop up. **WARNING: Keep hands and fingers away from the trap as injury can occur.**

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Is the EASY MOLE TRAP effective and humane?** Yes, it is the single most effective mole control device and method available. When used properly, it will eliminate moles quickly and safely, without the use of harmful chemicals or baits. It uses no toxins and is safe for the environment. It eliminates moles rather than driving them to relocate and cause damage elsewhere.
2. **Where should I set the trap?** For best results, set the trap in a fresh surface tunnel with moist, loose soil. When possible, select an area of the tunnel that appears long, straight, wide, and close to the surface. These features indicate frequent use and are the ideal location for the trap. The closer the tunnel is to the surface, the better chance of success. If only a mound of dirt is present, carefully remove some of the loose surface dirt and gently probe with a stick or screwdriver to locate deeper tunnels.
3. **Why prep the area?** Moles will sense the disturbance and be drawn to repair the holes. They will also repair the collapsed area, triggering the trap. Be sure you do NOT collapse the tunnel completely as the mole may detour around it.
4. **Why wear gloves?** Moles have a keen sense of smell and may be deterred by human scent. If you have already touched the trap with bare hands, submerge it in boiling water to remove human scent.
5. **How long will it take to catch a mole?** When the EASY MOLE TRAP is used properly, moles can be caught within 24 hours. If the trap is not triggered by a mole in this time, remove and relocate the trap to a fresh tunnel.
6. **Should the trap be used to catch groundhogs or other pests?** No. The size, depth, and power of the EASY MOLE TRAP is specifically designed to catch moles and is not intended for trapping other species.
7. **How do I adjust the sensitivity of the trap?** Loosen the frame screws by one quarter-turn. Also check that the trigger disk is sitting flat on the ground when the trap is set.
8. **Is the EASY MOLE TRAP safe for pets and children?** The trap is powerful and should be used with caution. ONLY set the trap when underground. Mark the location of the trap with a flag or place a container over the trap.
9. **How many traps should I use?** We recommend at least one trap per quarter-acre. A population of 3-5 moles per acre is possible.

## CARING FOR YOUR EASY MOLE TRAP

**CLEAN** the trap periodically by submerging in boiling water. Do NOT use detergent, soap, or chemicals as the scent may deter moles.

**LUBRICATE** the joints with vegetable oil to maintain sensitivity.

**STORE** the trap in its original packaging to avoid damage and prevent rust.

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