

WIREWORM



WAYS TO GET RID OF WIREWORM

1. Repellent Plants: Grow white mustard, buckwheat and woad - these are considered to ward off wireworm.
2. Thorough cultivation of affected areas.
3. Growing of green manure crops - hence the buck wheat above. Also try red and white clover, vetch, comfrey; legume crops such as broad beans, peas, Lucerne. There are many types of crop good for green manure.
4. Use a 15oz/425g tin can (old medium spaghetti can), drill/punch holes (good old 4" nail) in it big enough for the worms to crawl in. Fill it with potato and carrot peelings, etc and place in the ground (same as dealing with snails etc)...best bit is its cheap and chemical free. *Both work to some degree.*
4. Sacrificial planting of corn or potatoes to lure them away from you good crop.
6. Sprinkle 'flowers of sulphur' about, as a repellent, it acidifies the soil. Let it have some time to stink out the worms then sweeten the soil again with dolomite before the next crop. *Errr ... I guess it's not so organic, but better than the truly toxic approach.*

GENERAL

The wireworm is a slender, hard-bodied "worm" or larva that is found when tilling the soil. It is present in most soil types year round. The adult wireworm is known as the click beetle.