

Wasp trap & bait helpsheet

This helpsheet provides guidance of how to use the Entopest wasp trap and wasp bait attractant lure. These can be purchased as a bait and trap kit or as individual items.

Entopest Wasp Trap

The Entopest wasp trap can help prevent wasps from causing panic and disruption to people and animals. The trap aims to break the communication cycle between foraging wasps and their nest, reducing the number of wasps with the potential to cause harm.

Wasps have a yearly lifecycle; in the early part of the year, from Jan – June, they cause minimal if any issues. Wasps during this part of the year are busy building the nest and feeding their larvae. During this time, they perform a vital role in the environment as they feed small garden insect pests to their larvae. It is the second half of the year, usually from June through to October, in which their behaviour changes as they switch their focus on finding sweet foods to eat.

From June, foraging wasps seek out sugary substances and once found, individual wasps report their findings back to the nest, leading to a continued supply of wasps. Preventing or breaking this communication is the aim of wasp trapping and their long-term control.

Before fitting the trap together, the yellow base should be filled with a suitable wasp bait such as our Entopest wasp bait.

Entopest Wasp Bait

This specially formulated bait will entice the worker wasps into the trap from which they cannot escape. Bottles are available in 100ml or 250ml bottles.

Entopest wasp bait can either be used undiluted or diluted with water up to a maximum of 1 part bait to 3 parts water. A stronger less-diluted mix will likely result in a larger capture rate, especially if the nest is not adjacent to the treatment area.

Entopest wasp bait should be stored out of direct sunlight to maximise efficacy and if unopened, can be stored for two years. Once opened, the shelf life is around 30 days.



Where to place the trap

Take care when handling traps, as wasps may be present in the local area, which could pose a risk of stinging. Although Entopest wasp bait is nontoxic, children should be kept away from traps and their contents.

Ideally, the trap should be placed on the wasp's flight path, between the wasp's nest and the area to be protected, e.g.) patio, BBQ, pub beer garden. These flight paths are not always easy to find, so placing the traps around the area to be protected or in a location to draw wasps away from sensitive areas is another strategy.

If wasps have started to swarm around a picnic table, for example, placing the trap on the table and waiting for the wasps to enter the trap can be an excellent way to ensure that communication between the nest and the food source is controlled.

Traps can also be placed near points of ingress into the building to help reduce entry.

Trapping tips

- NEVER allow the traps to dry out, they should be continually topped up with Entopest wasp bait. A dried-out trap will not effectively reduce the risk posed by the wasps
- Remove dead wasps periodically when topping up
- The traps need to be seen by the wasps to encourage them in
- If placing the trap in public areas consider the risk of people interfering with the traps
- When a large number of wasps are caught this may indicate a nest is nearby. If the nest can be found it may be beneficial to treat this with Entopest wasp killer powder to provide control
- The trap will be more attractive when other food sources are removed
- Consider the wind direction. The trap works best when placed downwind of the area to be protected

At the end of the season

Once wasp activity has ceased* traps should be removed, cleaned and stored inside. This will ensure traps do not become damaged in bad weather and are ready to be used next season. Care should be taken when checking or removing wasp traps to ensure no live wasps are present as these may present a risk.

**It is worth noting that wasp's nest can still be active into late October.*

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