

ASSEMBLING YOUR DIY OVITRAP

We provide free



Egg Collection Strip



Pre-addressed Envelope



Sealable Bag



Paperclip

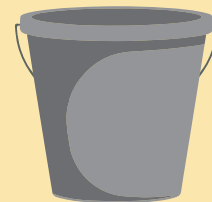


Blotting Paper



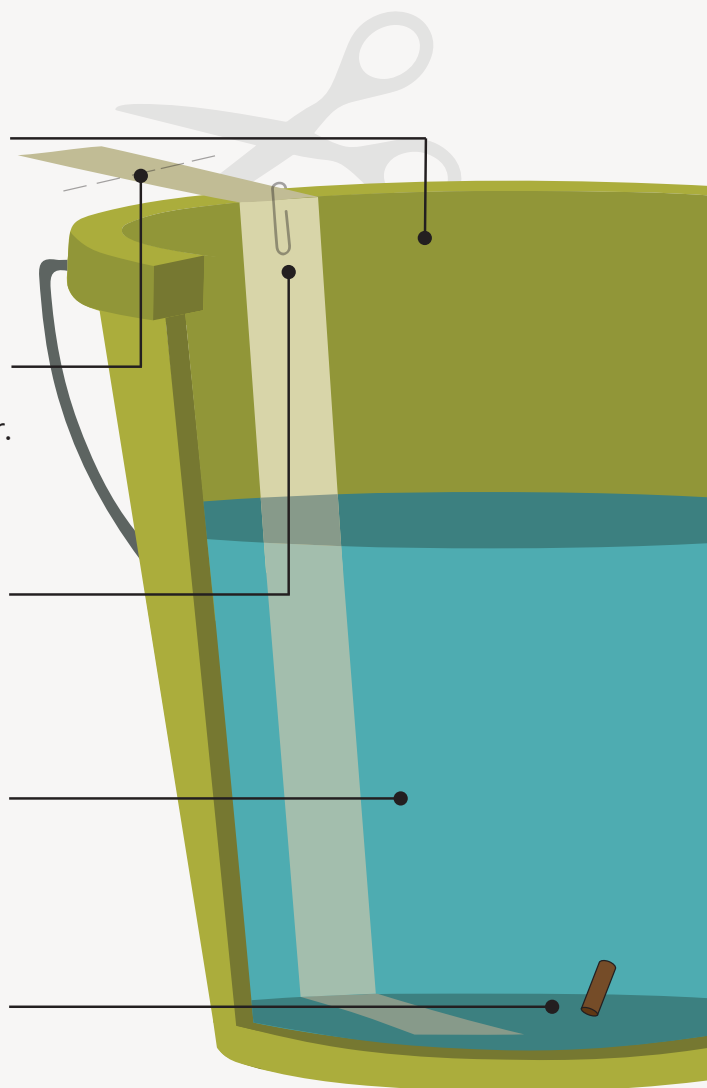
Lucerne Pellet

You provide



A large (e.g. 2L) dark container - an ice cream tub or a bucket is ideal.

- 1** **Select** your container. **Rinse** the container twice before use.
- 2** **Hang** the egg collection strip (supplied) in the container so it touches the bottom. Trim off any excess outside the container.
- 3** **Fix** the egg collection strip in place using a paper clip (supplied).
- 4** **Fill** the container with tap water (about three-quarters full); enough to last for 2-3 weeks.
- 5** **Add** the lucerne pellet (supplied) to the water (more than one will spoil the water).

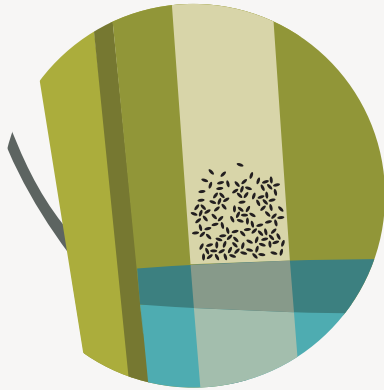


Please place your trap out of the rain and wind. Keep away from disturbance by pets, children, or overspray by hoses or sprinklers.

Don't worry! We will be sending a series of SMS reminders.

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2 WEEKS LATER



Any female urban mosquitoes visiting your yard will lay their eggs (< 1mm) on the egg collection strip. The eggs need to stay unhatched. Please do not refill the bucket or splash water to prevent eggs hatching. After two weeks, check to see if there are any eggs on the collection strip.

No eggs?

Leave the trap out for one more week; or send us a photo!

I see eggs!

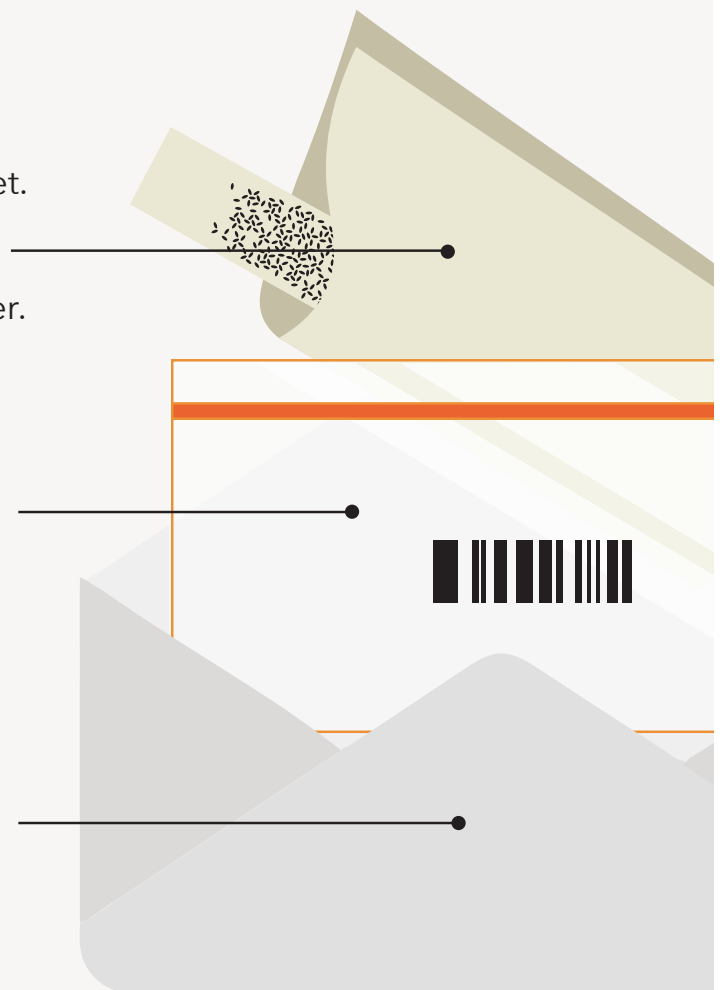
It's time to send them in.

RETURNING THE STRIP

- 1** **Remove** the strip from the bucket. **Mop** up excess water using the blotting paper (supplied). **Wrap** the damp strip in the paper.

- 2** **Place** it in the barcoded sealable bag (supplied).

- 3** **Seal** and place the barcoded bag into the postage paid pre-addressed envelope and mail to us.



Any questions? Please send an email to MSPHU-Med-Ent@health.gov.au

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