

How can you find out if you have Brown marmorated stink bug on your property?

Make a trap to join the bug hunt!

A home-made trap is an easy and cost effective way of finding out if there are any Brown marmorated stink bugs on your property. Making a trap is fast and simple. This trap uses light as a lure for the bugs.

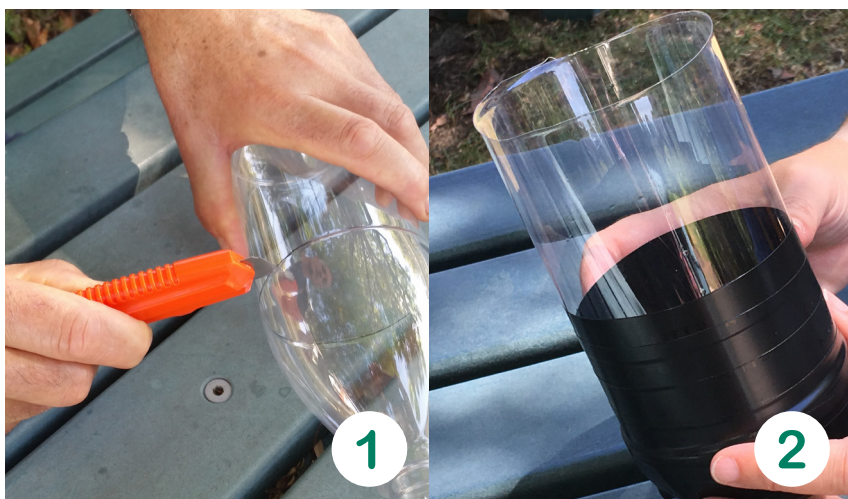
The Brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) is an invasive pest that can cause serious damage to agricultural crops and ornamental plants including sweet corn, tree nuts and fruits such as apples, peaches, figs, mulberries, citrus, grapes, strawberries and persimmons.

BMSB is also a nuisance pest, as it seeks shelter in large numbers in buildings and equipment, and has a foul smelling odour when disturbed.

We need to look out for this pest because it is occasionally found in shipments coming into Australia. **If we find them early, we can stop potential spread of BMSB. Please report.**

What you need

- empty soft drink bottle (straight sides)
- masking tape
- electrical tape
- sharp cutting blade
- marker pen
- battery operated cavity light



Instructions

Step 1

Draw a line around the top third of the bottle and cut along the line, cutting away from fingers. Turn the bottle as you go, rather than turning the cutting tool.

Step 2

Cover the base of the bottle with black electrical tape. This will maximise the attracting effect of the light.

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Step 3

Place the light inside the bottle.



Step 4

Put the freshly removed top portion of the bottle upside down into the bottom portion. This will create a funnel so bugs can get in, but can't get out.



Step 5

Place four strips of masking tape along the side of the bottle, to create a 'bug ladder'. This will also hold the funnel in place.



Step 6

Use a long object to click on the light. Remove after use.

Place the trap in a room or building at night or in a dark spot around your home.



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What happens if you find something?

1. Freeze the bug inside the trap (at least 5 minutes)
2. Remove the bug from the trap to take a photo
3. Place the bug back in the trap

To report and send photo

- Download the app or make a report online at **mypestguide.wa.gov.au**
 - Contact the Pest and Disease Information Service on **(08) 9368 3080**; **padis@dpird.wa.gov.au**
- Someone from the department will respond by email