If you've got snails in your garden, give 'em some beer. They'll slither in the stuff and die.”

Indeed, beer is a tried and true weapon in the battle against garden snails. Beer traps have snared many a snail, and they can take many forms. Here's a simple version:

Bury tuna cans around your garden, just deep enough so that the can tops are level with the ground surface. Fill the cans about two-thirds full with beer. Overnight, snails will belly up to the bar and, like their human counterparts, become incapacitated. In the morning, collect your drowned guests from their slimy, beery grave and do with them what you will.

Actually, it's the yeast in beer that serves to attract snails and slugs. A nonalcoholic alternative is to bait traps with yeast (available at the supermarket in small packets) mixed with water.