

10 QUICK TIPS ON MOSQUITO CONTROL

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Here are some mosquito control tips that you may find useful.

1. First, wear clothing that covers most of your body, if the temperature permit.
2. Do not allow food, trash, decaying wood, etc. to remain in or on your property. Empty watering cans, remove old tires and cover rain barrels to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.
3. Cover or seal trash tightly. Garbage can lids should be kept closed and secured.
4. Prevent mosquitoes from entering your home by ensuring that all your window screens are intact.
5. If you have a pond in your garden, stock it with some fish that will eat the mosquito larvae.
6. Keep all areas where food is prepared, stored, and served clean and free of crumbs and grease.
7. Cut back shrubs and vines that touch or overhang your property.
8. Many communities conduct large-scale spraying of pesticides containing mallothione to control mosquito populations during the spring and summer, especially in attempts to reduce the spread of West Nile encephalitis. Note that Adulticiding and Fogging (external repellants) fend off adult mosquitoes FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME ONLY. They are only effective if you're going to host a picnic or some other outdoor event the next day. Do not expect lasting effect.
9. Protect yourself and others from contact with any DEET pesticide (DEET is a toxic element commonly found in repellants).
10. Several natural or man-made products are gaining popularity as mosquito repellents. Citronella oil, a product of several types of trees, can be made in to candles or burned directly, is an effective mosquito repellent in high concentrations. It is also a myth that ultraviolet lights (like those in bug zappers) and ultrasonic devices are ineffective to get rid of mosquitoes.