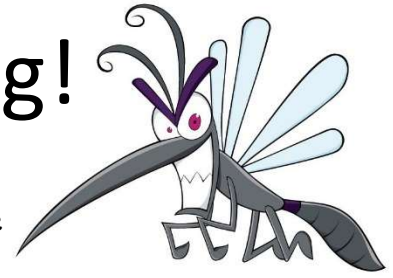


The Mosquitoes Are Coming!



Every year after the rains in April and May, Mosquitoes start spawning and wreaking havoc on everyone with sweet blood. Luckily, there are many ways to prevent, repel, and kill these persistent pests.

Prevention is the most important part of getting rid of mosquitoes. Mosquitoes need standing water such as in birdbaths and car tires that are laying around the yard. By upsetting these containers and preventing them from holding water, or adding **Mosquito Dunks** or **Mosquito Bits** to areas that constantly hold water, you can decrease your chances of getting bit! **Mosquito Dunks** (donut shaped) and **Mosquito Bits** (granules) are biological mosquito control that kills mosquito larvae. Both are safe for fish and other animals that may drink or bathe in water.

Repelling is the next best thing to prevention! By planting certain plants in your gardens, containers and around areas that are populated, you have a better chance of not getting bit!



Plants include:

Annuals:

- Floss Flower
- Lemon Verbena
- Eucalyptus
- Pitcher Plant
- Lemon Grass
- Marigolds
- Citronella Plant
- Basil

Perennials:

- Bee Balm
- Catnip
- Catmint
- Lavender
- Lemon Balm
- Lemon Thyme
- Mint
- Wormwood
- Rosemary
- Sweet Woodruff
- Onion and Garlic Plant
- Santolina



The last resort to mosquito control is to **kill** them. Since there are so many, it is very hard to kill them all. **Pitcher Plants** and other carnivorous plants can be used to try to naturally kill them, also by installing bat houses, you can also attract bats that eat them. Spiders and some other creatures also eat them and help control the population, but all in all, they can only eat so much! By treating your lawn with **Mosquito Beater**, which comes in spray or granule, you can kill most mosquitoes in your backyard as a quick fix if you are holding an event. Be aware, products like this will also kill beneficial bees who come into contact with it, and more natural approaches are always recommended.