

Mosquito Control – Customer Notes

Mosquitoes having the ability to fly is a major factor in understanding limitations. In fact, mosquitoes can fly the length of a football field in just one day. Some species can fly a mile at a time. While there are the obvious sources like retention ponds & marshes, other sources include standing water in rain gutters, pots, toys, & other debris. A water source, combined with heavy vegetation & occasional blood meals, a mosquito has all it needs to thrive.

What Can BP Do To Help?

- 1) BP uses backpack misters to treat beneath decks, porches, eaves, & foliage where mosquitoes may rest.
- 2) If we had the opportunity to also treat your neighbors' property, then more would benefit from the treatment as this would create a larger buffer zone.
- 3) Treatment should occur every 3-4 weeks to keep the population as low as reasonably possible.

What Can My Family Do To Help?

- 1) Frequently empty outdoor items that collect water. This includes pots, buckets, storage bins, wheel barrows, pet bowls, tires, trash cans, bird baths, toys, BBQ pit covers, & hot tub covers.
- 2) Water troughs, kiddie pools, & plunge pools without pumps should be emptied and/or siphoned often.
- 3) Clean out gutters to avoid build-up of leaves that can trap moisture. This will help with other pests as well.
- 4) Add fish to ponds & fountains as they will prey on mosquito larvae. (ie: Goldfish, Sunfish, Minnows)
- 5) Swiftly open & close doors or purchase a Magnetic Mosquito Screen for doorways & garages.
- 6) Purchase a Thermacell Portable Mosquito Repeller + Cartridges for outdoor lounging & cookouts.
- 7) Light candles (doesn't have to be Citronella) or build a fire - the smoke alone aids in repelling mosquitoes.
- 8) Outdoor ceiling fans as well as portable fans can keep mosquitoes at a distance since they are weak flyers.
- 9) Apply Insect Repellent when outdoors especially during peak mosquito season (May-November).
- 10) Stay indoors during peak activity times such as dawn, dusk, or after a rain.