

How to SAFELY RID YOUR YARD OF MOSQUITOES

PRINT & SHARE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS!

MOSQUITO FACTS

3,500 species of mosquitoes worldwide

only a few hundred of those species bite, and **only female mosquitoes can bite.** both male and female mosquitoes eat nectar and **are considered pollinators.**

~175 species are found in the US with the *A. quadrimaculatus*, *C. pipiens*, *A. aegypti* and *A. albopictus* among the most common disease-causing species.



0 people

the number of people who have contracted the **Zika Virus** from *Aedes Aegypti* mosquitoes in the US (as of July 2016). **Experts do expect Zika to spread to the US** in the near future.

36,437 cases of West Nile Virus

reported to CDC as of 2014. Of these, 15,774 have resulted in meningitis/encephalitis and **1538 were fatal. 80% of people who get WNV will never show any symptoms or get sick,** so the number of cases is underreported.

mosquitoes are considered the deadliest “animal” in the world

They are responsible for **OVER 1,000,000 deaths per year worldwide** mostly from Malaria and Dengue Fever.

WANT TO SAFELY KILL MOSQUITOES

without harming children, pets, pollinators and other wildlife?

take preventative measures such as...



get rid of all the stagnant water sources in your yard that promote mosquito breeding - buckets, standing puddles, old pots, etc.



cover up! wear long pants & shirts in the morning & at night + bring in your pets. female mosquitoes need blood to produce eggs. more blood = more eggs.



place organic Bti (bacteria) mosquito dunks in water buckets in your yard to kill mosquito larvae before they can become biting adults. get your neighbors to join you!



Encourage healthy ecosystems in your yard.

A single dragonfly will eat anywhere from **30-100 mosquitoes/day** - and their underwater larvae are even more voracious predators! Additionally the Damselfly, a dragonfly cousin, firefly nymphs, frogs, toads, bats and even some fish species all snack on tasty mosquito larvae and adults.



DO NOT use poison sprays or mosquito barriers. Being “EPA approved” does not = safe.

EPA-approved “adulticides” (organophosphates, such as Malathion, and pyrethroids, such as permethrin and resmethrin) commonly used to kill adult flying mosquitoes will kill any insect flying at that time for up to 5 minutes after application, such as mosquitoes, honeybees, butterflies, lightning bugs, etc.



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