


**Are YOU a
Mosquito Breeder
?**



**Let's Fight the
Bite this
Mosquito Season
Without Toxic
Chemicals**

Please

Share!

3 Simple Steps to Reduce Mosquitoes:

1. ELIMINATE BREEDING GROUNDS

Seek out and drain all standing water on your property at least once a week to interrupt breeding cycles.

Be thorough! Check out-of-reach and obscure areas such as gutters, tires, tarps and drains. Fill holes or depressions in trees with sand or mortar, or drain after each rain. Also, don't give mosquitoes a place to hide, and be sure to trim back overgrown vegetation!

2. USE BIOLOGICAL CONTROLS

For standing water that you are unable to drain, including bird baths, ponds, and rain barrels, use biological controls to target larvae.

Examples: Purchase *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti) mosquito dunks™ and mosquito-eating fish (such as minnows or bluegills). Encourage natural mosquito predators, including bats, birds, and frogs.

3. SPREAD THE WORD!

Share this doorknob hanger – the more neighbors participating, the less mosquitoes there will be!

**Mosquito Pesticides Are Not
“As Safe as Chrysanthemum Flowers.”**

SCIENTIFIC STUDIES SHOW THESE CHEMICALS:

- ⇒ Increase risk of cancer and neurotoxic effects in humans.
- ⇒ Contaminate indoor air, carpets, furniture and surfaces.
- ⇒ Poison pets, pollinators and other beneficial wildlife.
- ⇒ Can be replaced by least-toxic products and practices.

SAFE BACKYARD MOSQUITO PROTECTION

- Wear long-sleeved, loose, light colored clothing.
- Use least-toxic insect repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- Sit near a large fan when outdoors in your backyard.
- Use screened porches or tents to enjoy the summer weather.



For additional information on Safer Community Mosquito Control, call Beyond Pesticides, 888-NO-POISON (667-6476), or visit www.beyondpesticides.org/mosquito