

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) - An environmentally friendly approach

We're talking to you, mosquitoes!

What is IPM?

IPM is a decision-making process with a goal of solving pest problems with the least toxic method, which minimizes risks to our pollinators and other beneficial insects.



Our first line of defense against mosquitoes: tip, toss and cover!

The key to eliminating mosquitoes is to remove standing water sources around your property. Even a cupful of open water is ample breeding ground for females to lay their eggs. Removing standing water will eliminate the larvae before they become a problem.



We have helpers

Mosquitoes are a source of food for other organisms. Embrace and support beneficial insects, birds and bats by adding habitat opportunities for them such as adding native plants for local insects, planting native shrubs and trees for birds, and installing a bat box.



What about treatments that use pesticides such as Pyrethroids?

IPM always recommends pesticides as a last resort. Be careful to follow the manufacturer directions carefully regarding safety precautions and use.

Pesticide applications do not discriminate between mosquitoes and other insects such as bees, ladybugs, dragonflies, butterflies and more. Additionally pesticides that are sprayed on the land move to our waterways and atmosphere having a negative impact on the entire ecosystem.

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