

Mosquito Prevention Tips & Tricks



Beyond the nuisance factor, mosquitoes can cause sickness and death through the disease agents they can carry including Zika and West Nile virus.

Preventing mosquito bites is key. The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District offers the following tips:

- Apply mosquito repellents to exposed skin before going outdoors; reapply as recommended
- Wear repellent containing DEET®, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus
- Close all unscreened doors and windows to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home or space; repair broken or damaged screens
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and opt for lighter colored clothing

Eliminating mosquito breeding sources from your property is critical:

- Dump and drain any containers filled with water at least once a week
- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowl weekly
- Dump water from potted plant saucers
- Do not transport or share plant stems rooted in water
- Drill a hole or puncture containers to eliminate standing water



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