**How to Remove Mosquitoes from Around Your Home**

Avoiding those pesky mosquitoes is always a challenge in the hot summer time. But did you know that you can do many things around your home to combat mosquites? You can do this by removing mosquito breeding grounds and killing mosquitoes in or around your home.

Mosquitoes need stagnant water to lay eggs**.** To reduce mosquito populations, search for sources of standing water in and outside the home and remove it at least twice a week. Look for blocked drains, toys, empty tires, buckets or any other containers and household items where water can accumulate. Cover rain barrels or water tanks so mosquitoes cannot get in. Remove garbage in and around the home, and place it in closed plastic bags and containers.

To help keep mosquitoes out of your yard, pre-treat a specific outdoor area with yard sprays. Use a product like OFF!® Bug Control as a perimeter or spot treatment.

Are you planning a get together later with friends? Try [OFF!® Outdoor Fogger](https://off.com/product/backyard/outdoor-fogger). Check the specific label instructions of this outdoor product.

Tips for how to most effectively protect the inside of your home from mosquitoes:

* First, read the product label to ensure that you have selected the best product for the task and to familiarize yourself with the directions for use.
* Close all windows and doors and remove people and pets from the area.
* Spray insecticide like [Raid® Flying Insect Killer](https://www.raidkillsbugs.com/en-us/products/raid-flying-insect-killer-7) into the air with a sweeping motion, keeping about three feet from interior walls, fabrics and furniture, until the room is thoroughly misted.
* When you are done, exit the treated area and keep the room closed for approximately 15 minutes.
* Ventilate room thoroughly before returning.