

# SUMMER MOSQUITO CONTROL

*Most people are surprised to learn that the world's deadliest animal is also one of the smallest. Mosquitoes aren't just an annoyance, they can also carry deadly diseases or viruses that they easily transfer from person to person.*

Mosquito season in Pennsylvania starts in late April, and lasts until temperatures no longer consistently reach 50 degrees. As our temperatures have generally warmed over the last several years, these seasons are becoming longer and longer.

The good news is you can fight back against these common pests! As experts in mosquito and pest control, we want to share some of the knowledge we've gained on how to minimize your risk.

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## 1. Don't allow them to breed

Any standing or slow-moving water is the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes. Even a bottle cap or wrapper left out can end up collecting some rain water and become a host for mosquito eggs. Inspect potential breeding sites weekly, and dump any standing water you find. Regularly change your birdbath's water. Remove any yard debris that could hold water. Clean your gutters, keep pools clean and chlorinated (don't forget to put away the cover!) and make sure all landscaping is properly maintained.

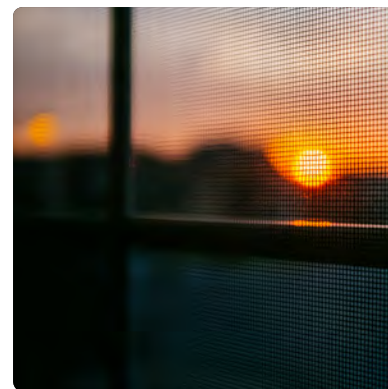


## 2. Use treatments, repellents and traps

There are numerous products available to treat, repel or trap mosquitoes. Often these options call for a bit of trial and error to find what works for your property. Follow all product labels for application.

## 3. Keep them out

Repair damaged or ineffective window screens, and when replacing choose a 16-18 mesh for pest control purposes. Mosquitoes are tiny and can fit through even the tiniest tears. Any cracks or leaks in your home's foundation or walls should be sealed. Use of outdoor lighting near entryways should be minimized to avoid attracting mosquitoes.



## 4. Send in the pros

If you find yourself fighting a losing battle, or you'd prefer to leave it to the professionals, don't be afraid to call in reinforcements. Hively has custom pest control programs that allow you to safely enjoy your landscape without risking the health and safety of your loved ones or furry friends. Our PA state-certified technicians use naturally-derived materials that are safer for pollinators and beneficial insects. They're also safe for people and pets!



*Take the time to help minimize your mosquito risk this summer, and enjoy your time spent outdoors! Of course, if you need help controlling mosquitoes, give Hively a call at 717-292-5696 and we'll help you get back to enjoying the summer.*



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