

How to repel Mosquitos in and around your home

Here are some handy tips to help repel mosquitos in and around your home. If everyone in the area was to commit to doing some or all of these suggestions, then there would be a lot less mosquitos around in breeding season, being September to April.

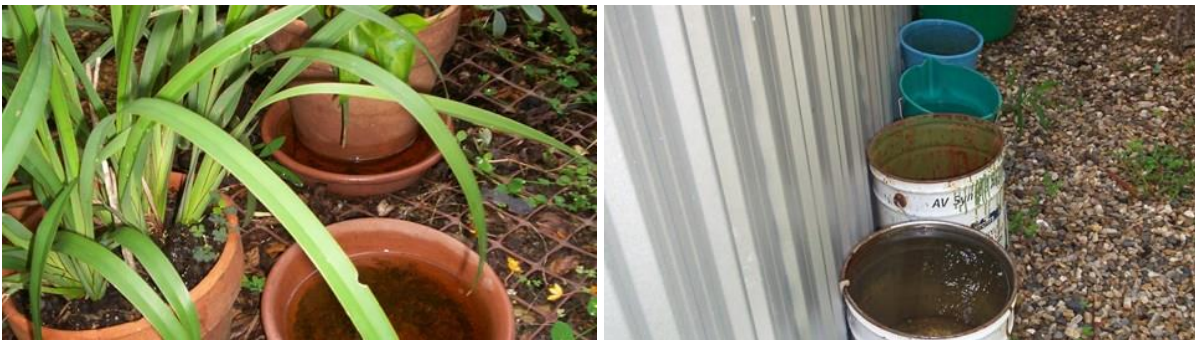
You can help reduce mosquito numbers by:

- emptying any containers around the home that may contain rainwater such plant saucers, tyres, buckets, and clearing blocked gutters
- changing the water in bird baths and pet bowls regularly
- keeping your swimming pool chlorinated
- creating a frog-friendly garden, stocking ornamental ponds and water features with fish
- residents should also consider applying insect repellent if outdoors at dawn or dusk
- products are available from most hardware outlets which will assist in reducing adult mosquito numbers around the home.

REMEMBER: Rainwater tanks can provide ideal conditions for mosquitoes and midges to breed. A gap the size of a matchstick head is enough to let mosquitoes into a tank to lay their eggs. Where possible, gaps should be covered with mosquito-proof screen or netting.

Container breeding mosquitoes can be active during the day or night and prefer shaded area around homes. They breed in containers holding rainwater including plant saucers, tyres buckets, water tanks and blocked gutters.

Containers around the house that breed mosquitoes.



10 Plants to Grow That Repel Mosquitoes

Catnip



Society Garlic AKA Tulbaghia Violacea



Lemongrass AKA Cymbopogon



Citronella



Lavender



Basil



Rosemary



Peppermint/Mint



The Lemon Teatree *Leptospermum liversidgei*



Marigolds



One for fun.... Pitcher Plant. This plant will eat the mosquitos...

