

MOSQUITOES:

SIMPLE STEPS TO
SAFEGUARDING YOUR
BUSINESS, STAFF AND
CUSTOMERS

Don't let mosquitoes harm your reputation, revenue or employee safety. As carriers of serious diseases, these pests require a proactive management strategy. Use these expert tips to help secure your property from mosquitoes.



BIOLOGICAL INFO

Mosquito types and life cycle.

- Mosquitoes progress through four distinct stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult.
- The first three stages — egg, larva, and pupa — occur in standing water.
- In warm weather, a mosquito can grow from an egg to a biting adult in 7–10 days.
- Only female mosquitoes bite; they require a blood meal to produce viable eggs.
- Most mosquitoes stay within one mile of their breeding site.
- *Aedes*, *Culex* and *Anopheles* breed in containers, storm drains, or ponds, respectively.



Where you might see them

Common mosquito habitats.

- **Shaded landscaping:** During the heat of the day, mosquitoes rest on shrubs, tall grass, and in shaded areas.
- **Clogged gutters:** Debris-filled gutters trap water, creating a primary breeding ground right on your building.
- **Storm grates:** Subsurface drainage points and storm grates often hold stagnant, organic-rich water.
- **Outdoor containers:** Water collects in planter reservoirs, cigarette extinguishers, trash cans, etc.
- **Over-watered areas:** Malfunctioning or excessive sprinkler systems create persistent puddles in turf and flower beds.
- **Drainage ditches:** Low-lying ditches with dense vegetation or sediment provide ideal conditions for egg-laying.



Tips for prevention

Proactive management strategies to reduce mosquitoes.

- **Thin dense vegetation:** Prune overgrown shrubs and thin out heavy foliage to eliminate the humid, shaded environments mosquitoes prefer.
- **Invert storage items:** Store and empty containers: Regularly empty plant reservoirs and other items that collect water. Store buckets or equipment upside down to prevent water collection.
- **Aerate decorative ponds:** Use fountains or bubblers in water features to keep water moving, as mosquitoes require stagnant water.
- **Implement sanitation protocols:** Ensure trash cans have tight-fitting lids.
- **Conduct staff education:** Train employees to identify and report stagnant water hazards and provide access to repellent stations.
- **Use high-velocity fans:** Deploy powerful fans in outdoor seating or loading areas to deter mosquitoes with constant airflow.
- **Wear personal protection:** Encourage outdoor workers to wear long sleeves, long pants, and EPA-registered insect repellent.

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