

Mosquito Management - Home

- **Maintain tight screens and weather-stripping.** Use sodium vapour lamps or yellow non-attractive light bulbs at outside entrances.

-Remember to keep all screens in good repair. Screening of doors, windows, and vents is a time-honoured method of keeping mosquitoes out of structures. All screens on windows and doors should be inspected, repaired and tightened. **Buildings and homes which are constantly invaded by mosquitoes usually have defective, missing screening.** Be sure to also thoroughly caulk all holes, cracks, crevices and other openings which may also allow entry. **Mosquitoes have become resistant to many insecticide poisons.**

- **Mosquitoes in your room?** Turn off the lights and let them settle on the ceiling (or wall), then flip on the lights and vacuum them up. **Sleep in the breeze of a fan inside or outside.**

-Check plants, such as bromeliads, with large leaves that may collect water in axils, where the leaves join the stem. Eliminate the plant, keep it inside, or flush it out with a spray of water or tip the plant over at least twice a week.

-Change water in bottom of plant containers, including hanging plants, at least twice a week.

-If small garden ponds are present, use fish to control mosquito larvae. Your local aquarium or pond club could likely tell you what is available or preferred locally.

-Where drinking water must be made available - as for pets and other animals (birdbaths) it is necessary to change the water and flush out the container at least twice a week to disrupt the breeding cycle of mosquitoes.

- **Candles - Mosquitoes are drawn to carbon dioxide/light and are killed by the flame.** Citronella candles are said to repel mosquitoes, but never burn them inside; the fumes are also harmful to your health.