

Organic Mosquito and Pest Control



Preventive Measures

- **Keep your house premises clean**
(empty standing water, keep gutters clean, etc.)
- **Clean up pet feces immediately**
- **Don't overwater plants**
- **Empty garbage into covered bins**

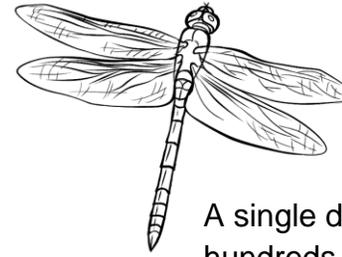
Why?

Houseflies, for example, transmit diseases such as cholera, dysentery, typhoid and diarrhea. Ever wonder why a member of your family sometimes has diarrhea and you don't, even though you eat the same food? Perhaps an infected fly walked over the food they ate and not yours.





One bat can eat between 600 and **1,000 mosquitoes** and other insect pests in just one hour. .



A single dragonfly can eat 30 to hundreds of mosquitoes per day.

Attract Natural Enemies

Extreme caution is to be exercised with the introduction of any insect to an environment as well as their removal. Attracting natural enemies of existing pests is one fairly safe approach to pest control. However, bringing them in by the truckload and dumping them into the existing natural surroundings will often upset the balance of nature and the “solution” can become an even larger problem.

Remember the good with the bad

From a population viewpoint, insects rule the world. Some experts suggest there may be as many as 30 million species. It’s easy to point out the “bad” aspects of some insects such as the mosquito as they are responsible for some nasty diseases such as malaria and West Nile Virus. But here is another slant on mosquitoes: By keeping people out, the lowly mosquito may have saved what is left of the equatorial rainforest.

How?

First find out what the natural enemies are of the pests you hope to control. Then alter the environment around your home so as to attract these creatures. Building a bat house is one example

Purple Martins, beloved song birds, love apartment living. Despite myths to the contrary, Purple Martins do not consume massive amounts of mosquitoes. Most of their feeding is done between 160-500 feet high. Because of this height, mosquitoes make up only a small portion of their diet, despite rumors that the birds can eat up to 2,000 mosquitoes per day. They could, but mosquitoes are not found at those heights.

