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## Kill Mosquitoes Naturally—Before They Become Biting Pests

Homeowners looking for an effective way to control pesky, disease-spreading mosquitoes don't have to resort to harmful chemicals. Mosquito control experts say the best way to keep mosquito populations down is to restrict their breeding sites.

Female mosquitoes lay their eggs in pools of standing water, so the first step in controlling mosquitoes is to eliminate standing water wherever possible.

"In warm weather, mosquitoes can develop from eggs to adults in a little more than a week in just a few ounces of standing water," said mosquito control expert Jonathan Cohen. "It's important to empty out birdbaths, pot saucers, kids' swimming pools and unclog rain gutters to reduce the areas where mosquitos can lay eggs."

Where standing water remains or can collect after a heavy rain, there is a natural mosquito killer that attacks only mosquito larvae.

"Mother Nature has her own mosquito killer—it's a naturally occurring bacterium called B.t.i.," said Cohen. "B.t.i., which is short for *Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *israelensis*, is deadly to mosquito larvae but harmless to other living things."



***Mosquito Dunks® look like small beige donuts and kill mosquito larvae before they can become biting, disease-carrying adults. Just place a Mosquito Dunk in any standing water for 30 days of protection against mosquito larvae. Mosquito Dunks are biodegradable and are approved for organic use.***

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B.t.i. is the active ingredient in Mosquito Dunks<sup>®</sup>, a product that has become the number one selling biological mosquito control in North America. The B.t.i. in Mosquito Dunks kills mosquito larvae before they can become flying, biting, disease-spreading adults.

Just float biodegradable Mosquito Dunks in ponds, bird-baths, outdoor tubs, water gardens or wherever water collects and remains for periods of time. Mosquito Dunks are approved for use in organic production, and they are also approved for use in fish habitats and animal watering troughs.

### **B.t.i. to the Rescue**

When female mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water treated with a Mosquito Dunk, the mosquito larvae will hatch and begin to eat the B.t.i. contained in the Mosquito Dunk. The B.t.i. will kill the mosquito larvae before they can grow up to become biting and disease-spreading adults. Each Mosquito Dunk will treat up to 100 square feet of surface water for about 30 days.

In grassy or marshy areas where the sustained release action of Mosquito Dunks is prevented from covering the water surface, or where the mosquito population is extremely dense and a quick kill is needed, a granular form of B.t.i. is available in a product called Mosquito Bits<sup>®</sup>.

Eight ounces of Mosquito Bits will cover approximately 2,000 square feet. The B.t.i. is released from the granule as soon as it comes in contact with the water. Mosquito larvae are controlled within 24 to 48 hours.

Mosquito Dunks and Mosquito Bits are available at home centers, hardware stores, garden centers and mailorder catalogs. Mosquito Dunks are sold in 2-packs and 6-packs. Mosquito Bits are packaged in 8-ounce jars and 30-ounce shaker bottles.

For more information visit **[www.summitchemical.com](http://www.summitchemical.com)**.



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