



How to Choose an Effective Mosquito Control System

Mosquitoes are an unfortunate part of life for homeowners across most of the United States, especially in the south and around coastal areas. Mosquitoes are not only annoying pests, but they are also dangerous due to the fact that they transmit several different diseases. For this reason, controlling mosquitoes typically requires professional help.

If your home is in a conducive area for mosquitoes, choosing the proper mosquito system to protect your property is an essential part of getting the best protection for your money. This consumer guide will take a look at the pros and cons of each of the typical mosquito control systems and procedures in place across most homes.

There are three common systems most homeowners across America use to limit mosquito activity in their yards: professional misting services, bioactive-dispersing units called In2Care Pots, and installing a mosquito misting system.

1. Professional Mosquito Misting

One of the most common and affordable methods of controlling mosquitoes around a property, professional mosquito misting services are offered by most professional pest control companies, with many specializing in mosquito extermination services.

During a professional misting service, typically a service professional comes out using a backpack blower to blow pesticide around the yard and into bushes and plants. These are potential mosquito harborage sites, so targeting helps reduce their numbers around the house overtime.

Professional mosquito misting is generally the most affordable option for most homeowners. Due to the nature of the treatment, return visits will be necessary, usually on a monthly basis while mosquitoes are in season.

Some companies charge per treatment while others charge per month. Many companies will guarantee their services and offer to come back and retreat your home should mosquitoes appear between scheduled treatments, but advised that some will consider this an extra charge and others will not.

One con of mosquito misting is the risk to children and pets, both of which should remain inside during treatment and until after the product has had enough time to dry.

2. In2Care Pots

In2Care Pots are deceptive-looking traps resembling ordinary plant pots that are placed around the proximity of the home. Typically two-four are required per home, though the number can vary.

Each pot contains sachets of a fungus that attract female mosquitoes to them. When female mosquitoes enter the pots, they become infected with a fungus that kills their larvae. From that point on, every



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breeding pool that mosquito visits will be contaminated, spreading to other mosquitoes in the area and eliminating the entire swarm.

In2Care Pots were developed especially for countries that suffer from high rates of Malaria, spread by mosquitoes. By stopping mosquito breeding, these pots can gradually eliminate mosquito activity around certain areas, keeping those areas Malaria-free in the process.

In2Care Pots are among the greenest mosquito solutions currently available to homeowners on the market. They use green ingredients that have been validated in both lab and field settings to test them for their ability to capture and kill harmful mosquitoes without doing harm to humans or other animals. The water inside the pots is safe for animals to drink should they get into them.

Installing an In2Care system can be initially expensive, with ongoing expenses over time as sachets will need to be replaced monthly and the pots themselves winterized over colder months. Different companies will install the systems under different conditions: for instance, some include the In2Care Pot purchase with service price over a period of time with a one year agreement while others will charge up-front for the In2Care Pots. In addition, this service may be difficult to find as it requires special training and equipment on the part of the Company and Service technician that may not be available to many pest control providers.

3. Mosquito Misting Systems

Mosquito misting systems consist of a barrel containing pesticides and a number of hoses feeding off of it, installed like an irrigation system around your home that can spray mosquito-killing chemicals across the yard and in specific areas - especially bushes and ornamental plants where mosquitoes nest.

Like lawn sprinklers, these misting systems are usually set to spray at specific times using a timer. While the homeowner can set the timer themselves, the installation professional should be able to set the timer to give it good coverage across your lawn, hitting any key areas that need to be addressed with the necessary regularity to keep them mosquito-free.

While they are effective at creating a defensive perimeter around your home against mosquitoes, home misting systems are generally expensive to install and require ongoing maintenance to refill the pesticides and to ensure against leaks.

No matter what your mosquito situation, knowing your options when it comes to mosquito control is an essential step in stopping the problem for good. Research your options and ask any prospective pest control company about what their mosquito treatments and systems entail.



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