# 10KEEP MOSQUITOES **OUT OF YOUR YARD**

Mosquito bites can transfer diseases. The most common mosquitoborne diseases in the U.S. include the West Nile, Dengue, Chikungunya, and **Zika** virus.

To avoid getting bitten by mosquitoes, consider the 10 tips below.



Mosquitoes cannot fly against wind greater than about ¶ **MPH** 

Set up oscillating fans, especially around porches or areas where people congregate.

# **SET A MOSQUITO**

Buy a trap from the store or make your own using sugar water and a plastic bottle.

# DRAIN STANDING WATER



mosquitoes can lay hundreds of eggs in as little as a cup of water, avoid shallow water or even damp soil that's prone to flooding.

Use essential oil diffusers with scents such as lavender, citronella, lemon, eucalyptus, lemongrass, clove, tea tree, and peppermint.

#### **ATTRACT NATURAL PREDATORS**

Mosquitoes have a lot of natural predators that may be able to help keep them at bay, including:

**Dragonflies** 

**Frogs** 

**Turtles** 

**Spiders** 



Additionally, certain species of fish and birds can naturally deter mosquitoes.

### PLAN(T) YOUR DEFENSE Avoid planting ground covers, such as ivy and pachysandra,

and plants that require tons of pruning, as they provide natural shelter to mosquitoes. Instead, grow plants and herbs that naturally repel the pests, such as:

Basil Chrysanthemums Citronella Lavender Lemon verbena Geraniums Lemongrass Marigolds Mint Rosemary Sage



### CHANGE LIGHTING

To reduce the number of bugs you attract, consider using sodium lamps, yellow bug lights, or warm LED lights in outdoor fixtures.

#### **MAINTAIN A CLEAN** & HEALTHY YARD

Mosquitoes love to inhabit shady spots close to the ground such as the underside of plant leaves, brush, thick weeds, or tall grass.

To avoid this, regularly **mow your** lawn, trim bushes and clean up yard waste.



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