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Mosquito Control

Today on Gardening in a Minute: mosquito control.

Mosquitoes can really put a wrinkle in our outdoor plans, and controlling them is a constant battle during the warm months in Florida.

Many commercial devices are available to homeowners trying to manage mosquitoes, but your best bet for control is to prevent infestations.

Look for containers with standing water in your landscape and empty them out, and ask your neighbors to do the same.

Clean debris from your rain gutters and eliminate standing water on flat roofs, A/C units, and other structures. Remember to fix leaky pipes or faucets.

Change the water in birdbaths weekly and in outdoor pet bowls daily. Stock ornamental ponds with Gambusia fish that feed on mosquito larvae. Look for products containing the bacteria "B.t." for water areas that can't be drained.

For more information about mosquitoes and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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