

Homemade Mosquito Trap

Mosquitoes are carriers of many human and animal diseases. The California Department of Public Health lists the following as currently being prevalent in our State:

- Chikungunya
- Dengue Fever
- Malaria
- Mosquito-Borne Encephalitis/Encephalomyelitis
- Rift Valley Fever
- West Nile virus
- Yellow Fever
- Dog Heartworm

With this in mind, here is a simple homemade mosquito trap to help keep your family and the doggies from becoming blood donors!

Items needed:

- 1 cup of water
- 1/4 cup of brown sugar
- 1 gram of yeast
- 1 2-liter bottle

Directions:

1. Cut the plastic bottle in half.
2. Mix brown sugar with hot water. Let cool. When cold, pour in the bottom half of the bottle.
3. Add the yeast. No need to mix. It creates carbon dioxide, which attracts mosquitoes.
4. Place the funnel part, upside down, into the other half of the bottle, taping them together if desired.
5. Wrap the bottle with something black, leaving the top uncovered, and place it outside in an area away from your normal gathering area. (Mosquitoes are also drawn to the color black.)



Change the solution every two (2) weeks for continuous control.