



## Effective Mosquito Spray at Home

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It seems the MOSQUITO populations have been increasing the past few years. It also seems they are becoming more venomous. I used to get a small welt at the bite site, but now, the welt can get as large as a nickel, and the sting is borderline painful.

Bite remedies include TEA TREE OIL, a Baking Soda poultice, and others. The best remedy for me is EMU OIL which kills the sting and the swelling almost immediately. That said, I prefer to avoid the bites in the first place.

This year I have experimented with a few products claiming to control and eliminate these pesky critters, and believe I have used two products which are exceptionally effective in controlling MOSQUITO populations in the yard.

One is NATURE'S GUIDE GARLIC SPRAY made by NATURE'S GUIDE LLC in Nash, Texas. Their GARLIC SPRAY product is ready to use, and is packaged in a 1 quart bottle with a garden hose adapter. You just attach your garden hose and start spraying. The company advertises 4000 sq ft coverage per quart of product. For me, it was about 20% less. But, I am OK with that. I sprayed the sides of the house, the grass and shrubbery, porches, outdoor furniture, and the potted plants. There is virtually no aroma.....I certainly did not smell garlic at all. But, apparently, the MOSQUITOES smell it big time, and they don't like it. Using the NATURE'S GUIDE

GARLIC SPRAY, even after two weeks, I still can go into my yard without getting swarmed by MOSQUITOES. I saw one or two, but that's all.

The cost per quart is approximately \$19, and well worth it.... Especially when commercial applicators charge \$90-\$120 per application.

Another very good product for MOSQUITO control at home is MOSQUITO BARRIER. This product is very similar to NATURE'S GUIDE, each being 98% or more pure garlic. However, the MOSQUITO BARRIER product claims to kill MOSQUITOS, not just repel them.

Both products also appear to be effective against ticks, fleas, and other biting insects. Both products are easy to use. Above all, both products appear to be very effective, and economical, without harmful chemical side-effects. If you use MOSQUITO BARRIER, you need to purchase a pump sprayer for applying the product.

For variation, you can add a little vegetable oil to the solution before spraying. This addition causes a "film" to be applied to any standing water, and effectively coats foliage with a long lasting repellent. A word of caution...do not spray open flower blooms with the solution as it will retard them. However, spraying the flower bud prior to blooming appears to be perfectly safe and has no effect on the flowering capabilities.

There may be other products that work just as well as those mentioned in this article. But if you do not want to research because you need immediate relief, I think you will be favorably impressed with both products.

Both are safe for use near children and pets.