ATTACK of the Mosquitoes!

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If we earn a nickel for every mosquito we see this summer, we would all be pretty wealthy! Mosquitoes are in attack mode and no one is safe! Not only are mosquitoes annoying but they carry serious diseases such as West Nile therefore it is imperative to be on the lookout this year.

Due to the high demand this season, we’ve put together a quick list to help you fight these nuisances!

What YOU can do:

1. Eliminate or reduce the amounts of standing water on your property.

Water water everywhere! We are still working on spring preventative sprays (when it's not raining). If you would like a spring service, please call Alden at 307-683-7331 to schedule your Spring Service targeting Spiders, and much more!

Come see us again this year at the 3rd Thursday Festival in Sheridan, Thursday June 18. We love seeing our current customers and meeting others during this event. It's going to be a busy weekend in Sheridan. We hope you are ready!
Mosquitoes thrive in standing water and prefer to lay eggs there. We understand that we have had an extremely wet spring thus far, which makes this more difficult, but make sure to check unsuspecting places such as flower pots, buckets, old tires, etc. *Mosquitoes flourish in an environment where water sits for more than 4-5 days.* If you can, eliminate the source to reduce the amount of mosquitoes on your property.

2. **Adult mosquitoes feed on plant nectar but need blood to make eggs.** In other words, the females are the ones causing the most grief. *There are over-the-counter chemicals available to apply to your plants* that should reduce the adult feeding in a 2-4 week timeframe. When spraying your plants, make sure to avoid flowers and blooms as this could possibly impact insects that pollinate such as bees, butterflies, etc.

3. **Buy insect repellent and other back-yard savers such as candles, torches, etc.** *IN BULK!* Make sure to purchase repellent with at least 25% DEET. You will need to reapply after each dip in the pool or lake. We pack several bottles in each vehicle,

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the boat, the golf cart, the garage, etc.

**What WE can do:**

1. **If you have large areas of standing water, we are able to apply growth regulators that last for approximately 30 days.** These units target mosquitoes and black flies therefore will not harm fish, waterfowl, mammals, wildlife, or beneficial predatory insects. Different types will float in the water and attack the mosquito larva, others will sink and not necessarily kill the mosquito, but will not allow them grow into adults, which is when they start to bother us!

2. **Treat your yard for mosquitoes for special events** such as family reunions, 4th of July Celebrations, weddings, etc. This application works great for about 3-5 days, allowing you to focus on fun, friends, and family during your backyard celebration rather than mosquitoes.

3. **We are looking into long term misting systems** for residential usage and are gauging interest. This is the best solution for customers long-term. The system is installed once, much like the sprinkler system
for your yard with a cost similar to that of a sprinkler system. After the installation, there is a service fee during the months of usage. These systems spray between 2-3 times per day depending upon personal preference and have received very high reviews from people that use them. Please let us know if this is something you would be interested in considering.

Believe me, we wish we could snap our fingers and help control the mosquito population. They are extremely relentless, which makes them very difficult to control. We hope the above helps in your pursuit to slow mosquito breeding on your property and we are certainly available to answer further questions or assist in any way.

To talk with a professional about your mosquito control, call Alden Good at 683-7331.