

HOMEMADE MOSQUITO TRAP

You can help reduce the number of adult mosquitoes on your property by building and maintaining this simple mosquito trap.

Items required:

1 cup of water, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of brown sugar, 1 gram of yeast & 1 2-litre plastic bottle

How:

1. Cut the plastic bottle in half.
2. Mix brown sugar with hot water in heat proof container. Let cool. When cold, pour in the bottom half of the bottle.
3. Add the yeast; no need to mix. It creates carbon dioxide gas, 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 main use areas (Mosquitoes are also drawn to the colour black).

Change the solution every 2 weeks for continuous control.



Mosquitoes breeding on your property can be avoided by removing, emptying or covering any water-holding containers.

This trap works best in a location where the carbon dioxide gas that is created is allowed to disperse enough to attract the mosquitos, but not be blown away in a strong breeze.

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