

## Attack Of The Mosquitoes: This Part Of Summer Bites

The little buggers are everywhere: It's prime season for mosquitoes. You know the drill, but here are some tips on how to remain bite-free.

>> **Mosquitoes like anything dark**, so dress in lighter colors. Avoid tight-fitting clothing, which the insects will bite right through.

>> **If you're having a party outdoors**, use big floor fans to keep air moving. This also dissipates the odor of humans, hindering mosquitoes from finding you.

>> **Don't leave stagnant water around**. Empty water-filled plant saucers, drains or old tires. (Just what are old tires doing in your yard, anyway?) Change water frequently in wading pools, pet water bowls and birdbaths.

>> **Sweat and smelly feet attract mosquitoes**. Encourage your kids to keep their feet clean to avoid getting bitten.

>> **Consider clothing from Insect Shield** ([www.insectshield.com](http://www.insectshield.com)), which treats its fabrics with permethrin, a man-made version of the natural insect repellent found in chrysanthemums.

— Jura Koncius, *The Washington Post*

