

Swat-Away

Commercial Mosquito Service FAQs

The local vector control agency sprays for mosquitoes. What is different about Clark's Swat-Away mosquito service?

Although your local vector control agency provides community-wide population control of mosquitoes, Clark Pest Control's Swat-Away mosquito service offers targeted, ongoing coverage for your business. Clark's three-pronged approach to mosquito control is designed to ensure that your property is regularly treated to reduce these annoying and potentially dangerous pests.

While vector control focuses on macro-level, community-wide source reduction and population knock-down, Swat-Away mosquito service works on a micro-level on your property to minimize mosquito reproduction, interrupt the life cycle of developing larvae, and reduce the presence of adults by applying a chemical barrier.

I notice mosquitoes mainly during the summer. Why would the service run year round?

Mosquito season begins when temperatures consistently reach over 50 degrees, so depending on your location, mosquito season may last year round. Mosquito eggs are extremely resilient, and can remain viable for up to a year, waiting until conditions are ripe to hatch. If winter rains provide adequate moisture, and warm temperatures occur, a mosquito can develop from an egg to a blood-sucking adult in only seven days! Clark's Swat-Away mosquito service ensures that you'll have an extra layer of defense against mosquito populations, no matter what weather conditions arise.

Will I get bitten if I am on this service?

Swat-Away mosquito service is designed to reduce mosquito populations surrounding your property. However, it would be impossible to eliminate all chances of your patrons and employees getting bitten. Mosquitoes can fly in from a distance, so consider taking other preventive steps, such as wearing repellent when outdoors to reduce the likelihood of mosquitoes biting.

A wild animal, pet, or person has gained access to the mosquito station. Should I be worried?

The contents of the station will not harm people, pets, or other non-target animals. The station uses a biological fungus that only affects insects, and also contains a tablet that specifically targets mosquito larvae. In its low concentration, the materials have no effect on larger organisms.



I still see other flying insects in my backyard. Are they mosquitoes? Is the service working?

There are many insects that resemble mosquitoes, which you may see following your Swat-Away mosquito service. Below you can see what an adult mosquito looks like, as well as the insects you may find on your property that are not covered by the service.



Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes have slender bodies, long legs, and one pair of scaled wings. The size of a mosquito will vary based on the species



Midges

Midges are the most widespread and numerous insects that resemble mosquitoes. Adult midges are commonly observed flying in swarms or “clouds,” or are seen resting on fences, walls, under eaves, and in protected areas such as porches and entryways. Like mosquitoes, the larvae develop in locations that have extensive areas of standing water.



Gnats

Various species of gnats live in habitats similar to places where mosquitoes appear. Adults are found on foliage in or near damp places. Gnats are sometimes seen in small swarms.



Crane Flies

Crane flies are delicate insects that vary in size from 1/4 inch to as large as 1 1/2 inches in length. The largest crane flies are sometimes called “mosquito hawks.” They do not bite people and they do not eat mosquitoes.

