



Mosquito Control



Mosquitoes prefer to live and breed near warm, stagnant bodies of water with very little surface action, so getting the water moving is one of the most important things you can do, as it will limit the number of mosquitos using the water for breeding areas.

To best reduce mosquito breeding and populations, Aquagenix recommends utilizing multiple options. Keeping the pond in motion with bottom aeration or a surface fountain, along with one of the below services will increase your level of control.

FISH STOCKING

Mosquitofish and fathead minnows are a great way to control mosquito populations. As natural predators and voracious eaters of mosquitoes and their larvae, these fish will reduce the number of surviving adult mosquitoes and are an excellent choice of control.

PLANTINGS TO ATTRACT DRAGONFLIES

Did you know a single dragonfly can eat 30 to 100 mosquitoes a day? Pickerelweed, Arrowhead, Iris, Rush and Sedges are among the numerous aquatic plants which when placed along the shoreline of your waterbody will attract dragonflies to naturally assist with mosquito control. Dragonflies do not eat the plants, but use them for nurseries, as well as hunting and mating.

BIOLOGICAL LARVICIDES

Another method that can be added to your water body are biological larvicides. Made from naturally occurring bacteria, these larvicides target the mosquito larvae in their breeding habitat before they can mature into adult mosquitoes. In order to be effective, applications must be done anywhere from weekly to monthly depending on conditions.

BENEFICIAL BACTERIA

The introduction of beneficial bacteria into bodies of water assists by reducing the layers of organic bottom muck that favor the growth and development of mosquitoes and other nuisance species such as midges. This overall reduction in organic bottom sediment starts control at the source, the actual breeding grounds. Beneficial bacteria not only aids in the management of the larvae, but it contributes to the overall wellbeing of the waterbody by reducing algae blooms, nuisance aquatic weed growth, foul odors and fish kills as a result of low dissolved oxygen levels.

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