

Controlling Mosquitoes Indoors

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[Mr. Hubbard] Laura, your home is more beautiful than the last time I visited.

[Laura] Thank you, Mr. Hubbard. Brandon has been working really hard this past month. This place desperately needed repairs.

[Brandon] It sure did, and I'm not finished. Today, I'm installing screens in our doors.

[Mr. Hubbard] That's great! In fact, that's one way to control mosquitoes *inside* your home. I promised to tell you how to prevent viruses like West Nile and Zika by keeping mosquitoes out of your home, and it sounds like you're already taking steps! Do you have screens on your windows?

[Brandon] We've had window screens for years, but they have some small holes in them.

[Mr. Hubbard] Ah yes, that happens over time. You should fix them as soon as possible. Screens won't keep out mosquitoes if they have holes in them.

[Brandon] I'll do that right away. What are some other ways we can keep mosquitoes from getting inside?

[Mr. Hubbard] Well, I've noticed there's water in this vase on the table. You should empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out any items that hold water, like this vase. Mosquitoes lay eggs in water. I also see that you have an air conditioning unit. You should use air conditioning whenever possible.

[Laura] Those are great tips to keep mosquitoes out, Mr. Hubbard, but we're already seeing mosquitoes inside. How do we get rid of them as fast as possible?

[Mr. Hubbard] That's a good question. You can use an indoor insect fogger or indoor insect spray to kill mosquitoes and treat areas where mosquitoes are found. It's very important to always follow label directions when using insecticides.

[Laura] What areas should I treat?

[Mr. Hubbard] Mosquitoes stay in dark, humid places like under the sink, in closets, under the furniture, or in the laundry room.

[Laura] Great! Now I know how to keep mosquitoes out of the house!

[Brandon] Yes we do. But, I'm still worried. Mosquitoes are everywhere, not just around our house. How do we protect ourselves and the kids from mosquito *bites*?

[Announcer] For the most accurate health information, visit www.cdc.gov or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.