



## SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION



"Spraying a yard only kills 10 percent of the mosquitoes," Doug Tallamy, author of *Homegrown National Park*, biologist, U. Delaware, says.

If you are paying an exterminator to spray "natural oils" and "EPA-registered, control products" (pyrethrins and tetrachlorvinphos [organophosphates]) on your yard, please consider less injurious, less expensive ways to minimize mosquitoes on your property.

**WHAT DOES WORK:** It is much more effective--and cheaper--to kill mosquitoes in the larva stage with an.....

### **EASY Mosquito Trap**

*Put **some straw in a bucket of water and add a mosquito dunk** (a small disc sold at garden centers/hardware stores that kills only mosquito larvae).*

YouTube Demo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TqcDZDNtP-0>

Don't give mosquitoes a place to breed. **Eliminate standing water around your home:**

1. Keep gutters clear of debris.
2. Check at least once a week for any discarded cans, buckets, pots, overturned children's toys and anything that can hold water. Change water in pet dishes.
3. Cover trash containers.