

# Keep Mosquitoes Out Of Your Bromeliads!

Bromeliads are tropical plants that naturally collect water between their leaves. Even this small amount of water is enough for a mosquito larvae. Avoid planting bromeliads, or use these tips to prevent mosquito breeding.

Water bromeliads at the base so that the tanks do not fill up with water. Or, regularly flush out the water collected between the leaves with a hose (at least once a week) to remove mosquito larvae.



Water collects in a bromeliad's "tank"



Sprinkle a bacterial larvicide into the water between the leaves of the bromeliad regularly as directed by the label. This kills mosquitoes but is safe for people, plants, and animals.

For potted bromeliads, tip them over to drain the water once a week. Dump out any water in saucers under potted plants once a week as well.



Inspect bromeliads for larvae regularly to be sure control measures are working. Larvae look like small wiggling worms. Shining a flashlight into the plant can help you see them.



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