# Declaring War on Mosquitoes! 4-Pronged Approach

### 1. Attack them where they breed and hang out.

- Get rid of any standing water.
- Don't use dense, water-retaining ground covers.
- Incorporate plants that repel mosquitoes (e.g., citronella & geraniums).
- Maintain your trees & shrubs.
- Keep the air flowing.

## 2. Kill them!

- Apply larvicides in and around water that you can't eliminate.
- Use foggers around your outdoor spaces.
- Spray insecticide in and under your trees, shrubs, and ground covers.
- Trap or zap the little suckers.



#### 3. Repel them!

- Apply an insect repellant that has an appropriate active ingredient (e.g., DEET)...or choose a more natural alternative.
- Treat your clothes and gear with insecticides that contain permethrin.
- Use candles or torches with citronella oil...while adding a bit of ambiance.

### 4. Dress for the occasion.

- Wear lighter colored clothes.
- Cover up as much skin as is comfortably possible.



(Resources: American Mosquito Control Association, Natural Living Ideas, & eHow.)