

# MosquitoSwallow

Congratulations on your purchase of Mosquito Swallow™ mosquito traps, an essential addition to the Integrated Pest Management of your home's container-breeding mosquitoes.

## BEFORE INSTALLING YOUR TRAP, READ THESE PRECAUTIONS

1. **The traps will contain water which will become contaminated.** Keep pets and small children away.
2. Water will periodically drain out of the traps. Place traps so the water will drain into the ground, and not directly above areas with people or pet traffic.
3. **When possible, install using screws. All four screws must be used.** Failure to do so may result in traps spilling, or falling and potentially causing injury to persons, animals, or property. If traps are installed with PVC pipe, check periodically to ensure they remain upright and stable.

## BEFORE MOUNTING

1. *Before hanging your trap, remove the small "blocker" hanging along the front of the trap.*
2. Drop a few dead leaves into the lower base. This will provide food inside the trap to keep wandering larvae to a minimum.

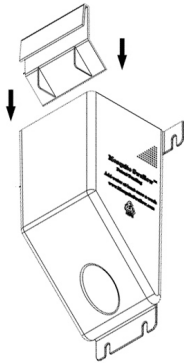


Fig. A

3. Then re-hang the "blocker." (Fig. A.)

4. The assembled trap should look like the drawing in Fig. B.

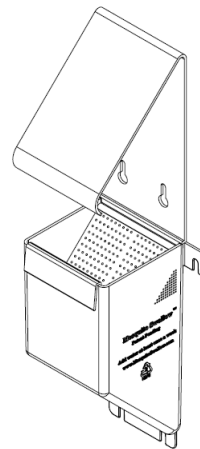


Fig. B

## PLACEMENT

For maximum effectiveness, place traps in locations that are:

1. shaded from the midday sun (under house eaves, under a fence shaded by trees, or under the bushes);
2. near high traffic areas, where mosquito larvae in the open pool will detect movement from passersby (near your front or back door, on a gate fence, or on a fence that runs along a driveway); and
3. where the trap can receive rainfall, or in the path of a sprinkler.

## MOUNTING

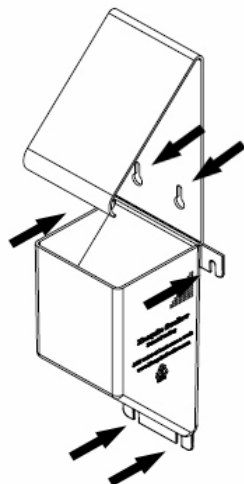


Fig. D

1. There are two tear-drop holes and four slots for screw mounting, but you need only four of these six for proper mounting. (Fig. D.) Any four will do. Choose a structure that can withstand repeated exposure to moisture, such as a fence, shed or deck. Holding the trap against the structure, use a pencil to mark the top of four of the six screw holes/slots. Install the four screws and then hang your trap.

2. If you do not have an appropriate place to install the trap using screws, you can mount using a 1-inch piece of PVC pipe or other pole. Be sure to insert the pipe securely into the ground. Then, mount the trap onto the pipe, inserting the pipe into the hole in the bottom half of the trap. (Fig. E.) Place the trap as close to the ground as possible.

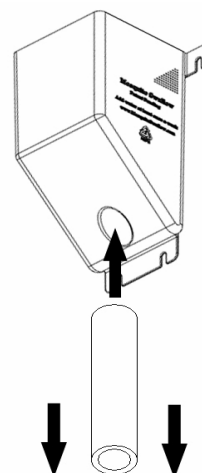


Fig. E

3. Fill the trap to the top with water from your tap or a rain barrel. **To prevent overflowing, the traps automatically drain excess water through the holes in the side** (the holes are in a triangle pattern, just above where it says "Mosquito Swallow"). If your trap does not drain, you may need to widen the perforations by inserting a thin nail or a tack into each of the holes.
4. Place a dead leaf or two onto the surface of the water. This will make the trap more attractive to mosquitoes.

## MAINTENANCE

1. **At least once a week during mosquito season**, add water to your traps. A timed sprinkler system should suffice. Exact measurement is not necessary, though you should attempt to add at least half a cup each time. In hotter months, add water two or three times a week, or even once a day.

**When filling**, you can add water to the top of the trap. Do not worry about overfilling. The holes on the side should drain the excess out, self-regulating the proper level.

2. **Once a month or so**, when the leaf placed on the surface of the water gets flushed to the inside of the trap, drop another leaf onto the surface of the water.
3. **After mosquito season**, empty traps onto pavement or other area where remaining larvae will be exposed to the sun. Rinse and store over winter, and reinstall after the last freeze.

## TROUBLE SHOOTING AND OTHER MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT STEPS

For further guidance, visit our website at [www.MosquitoSwallow.com](http://www.MosquitoSwallow.com) which reflects updated suggestions on how best to use this new invention, as well as other steps you should consider as part of your home's overall Integrated Pest Management.

## RETURN POLICY

Within 30 days of receipt, undamaged traps may be returned at your own expense, for any reason or no reason at all, for a full refund minus shipping and handling for the underlying purchase. Partial returns are prorated. To qualify for a refund, notify us at [returns@MosquitoSwallow.com](mailto:returns@MosquitoSwallow.com) or send your undamaged traps to Mosquito Swallow LLC – Returns, PMB 190, 5501-A Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas 78731. Remember to include the number of traps, date of purchase, name, address, and email, or a copy of your invoice if returning the traps directly.

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