



Mosquito traps have been proven to effectively interrupt the mosquitoes breeding cycle therefore reducing the mosquito population. For your [mosquito trap](#) to serve its purpose there are certain best practices that should be followed. I'm Melissa from NorthlineExpress and in this video I will cover tips and tricks to make sure that your mosquito trap is operating to its full potential.

Placement of your Mosquito Trap

The most crucial factor to get the highest catch rate from your mosquito trap is the [placement](#). Think for a second like a mosquito; they breed, rest and dwell in shady damp areas. With the exception of the [Asian Tiger Mosquito](#), mosquitoes will tend to avoid direct sunlight so placing your trap in direct sunlight would not produce optimum catch results. For best results your mosquito trap should be placed in a shady area amongst bushes, shrubs, or wetland areas when possible. Remember that you want to have your mosquito trap at least 25' from any areas that you are frequently occupy in your outdoor space. Remember mosquito trap placement can be a matter of trial and error. If you find that one spot is not working try another spot. Also remember to be patient; reducing your mosquito population enough to interrupt the breeding cycle can take 6-8 weeks.

Early Jump on the Mosquito season

The next crucial factor to getting the most from your mosquito trap is the temperature. The beginning of mosquito season varies by area but is considered to be when the outdoor temperatures reach 50 degrees or higher. It is best to get your mosquito trap operational as early as possible to interrupt their breeding cycle and start killing mosquitoes early on. When overnight temperatures in your area are averaging 40 degrees or above it is time to get your trap up and operational.

Attractants and Lures Right for your location

Finally you should make sure that you are using the appropriate mosquito trap attractant or lure. In most cases [Octenol](#) attractant is appropriate. However, areas that are affected by the day biting Asian Tiger Mosquito will need to use the [Lurex](#) attractant. Are you wondering how you will know what type of mosquitoes that you are dealing with? The most obvious way is to pay attention to mosquito activity

around you; do you notice mosquitoes all day long no matter how hot it is or mostly in the cooler temps of dusk and dawn? If you are experiencing mosquitoes that are biting all day long even in the blistering afternoon sun, you are most likely dealing with the Asian tiger mosquito. You can also identify the Asian tiger species by their silvery white striped legs.

So let's recap... Once temperatures in your area are over 40 degrees overnight it is time to get out your mosquito trap. Find a shady area near wetlands, tall grasses, or bushes to place your trap that is at least 25' from areas that you frequent in your outdoor area. Also make sure that you know your bait and are using the right one for the type of mosquitoes that you are dealing with.

I hope that you have found this information helpful. If you still have questions about mosquito control or mosquito traps call us at 866-667-8454. At NorthlineExpress, home of the "Buy and Try" satisfaction guarantee, we're always happy to help.