

# FACT SHEET

## Mosquitoes

### Mosquitoes living amongst us

**Mosquitoes are one of the most significant public health pests in Western Sydney**, transmitting diseases such as Ross River fever and Barmah Forest virus. The discovery in the late 19th century that these insects are vectors of disease revolutionized pest control, shifting the focus to managing the pest itself. Beyond disease transmission, mosquitoes are a major nuisance, causing irritating bites that can diminish the quality of life for homeowners and business owners, making professional control a necessity, especially with the region's abundant waterways and wetlands.

### Mosquito Control

Effective mosquito control requires a professional, multi-faceted approach. At Armani Pest Control, we begin with a thorough inspection of your Western Sydney property to identify breeding sites like standing water. We then implement a targeted treatment plan using professional-grade larvicides to kill larvae and adulticides to reduce the biting population. Professional services are superior to DIY solutions because they address the entire mosquito life cycle, providing more effective and lasting results in our unique local environment.

### Preparation and Best Steps

For best results, prepare your property before treatment by removing clutter and standing water, such as leaf litter, old tires, and buckets. Be sure to mow your lawn and trim back shrubs, as this reduces areas where mosquitoes rest. Also, secure pets indoors or in an unaffected area during the treatment. After the service, avoid treated areas until the spray has dried, which usually takes 30-60 minutes. To ensure the treatment's long-term effectiveness, continue to eliminate standing water and maintain your vegetation. If you notice continued mosquito activity, report it to your technician during your follow-up appointment.

### How to Get the Best From Your Treatment

- **Remove Standing Water:** This is the single most important step you can take. Regularly check and empty any containers, even small ones, that can hold water.
- **Keep Gutters Clear:** Clogged gutters are a prime breeding ground for mosquitoes. Ensure they are free of leaves and debris year-round.
- **Schedule Follow-Up Services:** Mosquito populations can rebound quickly. Ongoing, scheduled treatments are essential for maintaining a mosquito-free environment.

### What to Expect After Your Treatment

After your initial treatment, you should notice a significant reduction in the mosquito population within 24-48 hours. However, complete elimination is an ongoing process due to the continuous hatching of new mosquitoes. We recommend a series of follow-up visits, typically scheduled every 3-4 weeks during peak season, to ensure long-term control. Your technician will discuss the optimal schedule for your property during your initial consultation. To schedule a follow-up or a recurring service plan, simply **contact Armani Pest Control**.

### Mosquito Identification

#### A. Culex Annulirostris



#### B. Aedes Aegypti



#### C. Anopheles Farauti

