

NON-CHEMICAL HOUSEHOLD INSECT CONTROL

MOSQUITO



Seal their point of entry, esp. early morning and early evening when they are most active.

Remove standing water sources.

mix one part garlic juice with 5 parts water. Strips of cotton cloth can be dipped in this mixture and hung in areas, such as patios, as a localized deterrent.

Neem oil has effective mosquito repelling properties.

Planting marigolds around your yard works as a natural bug repellent because the flowers give off a fragrance bugs and flying insects do not like.

COCKROACHES

The best defense: a clean kitchen and bathroom.

Catnip (*Nepeta kataria*) is a natural repellent to cockroaches. Small sachets of catnip can be left in areas of cockroach activity. This should only be used in homes without cats!

Keep a spray bottle of soapy water on hand. Spraying roaches directly with soapy water will kill them.

Leave bay leaves (tej patta in hindi), peeled cucumber slices or garlic in the affected area as deterrents. You can also try a peeled white onion. Cooking soda made into pellets with little water will also be a repellent.



ANTS



The first line of defense is to remove the attractants: keep counters free of crumbs and sticky spots.

Keep a small spray bottle handy, and spray the ants with a bit of soapy water.

Sprinkle turmeric along the ant column/line.

Set out cucumber peels or slices in the kitchen or at the ants' point of entry. Many ants have a natural aversion to cucumber. Bitter cucumbers work best.

Dry, crushed mint leaves or cloves also work as ant deterrents.

Trace the ant column back to their point of entry. Set any of the following items at the entry area in a small line, which ants will not cross: cayenne pepper, citrus oil (can be soaked into a piece of string), lemon juice, cinnamon or coffee grounds.

Leave a small, low wattage night light on for a few nights in the area of most ant activity. The change in light can disrupt and discourage their foraging patterns.

FLIES

Use mint as a fly repellent. Small sachets of crushed mint can be placed around the home to discourage flies.

Bay leaves, cloves and eucalyptus wrapped in netted cloth can be hung by open windows or doors. Dry tea powder put on flame will also keep away flies.

A few drops of eucalyptus oil on a scrap of absorbents cloth will deter flies. Leave in areas where flies are a problem.



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