

MOSQUITO CONTROL

OPTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

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Mosquito control operators are required to conform to the Clean Water Act (CWA) and be permitted by Georgia's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The state NPDES is managed through the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (404) 657-5947. A Notice of Intent (NOI) must be submitted to the EPD within 30-days of making a pesticide application that contacts "waters of the state." The Georgia Mosquito Control Association website (gamosquito.org) has comprehensive information about these regulations.

An integrated approach is the most effective and efficient manner to conduct mosquito control. Insecticide resistance is a significant consideration in many areas and an integrated approach is essential to minimize this risk. Education, source reduction, surveillance, larviciding and adulticiding form the progression of this approach (Extension Circular 1154). The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension service can be reached at (706) 542-2816 for additional information related to these matters.

TABLE 1. LABEL RECOMMENDATIONS OF INSECTICIDES FOR USE AS ULTRA LOW VOLUME AND LOW VOLUME SPRAYS IN GROUND APPLICATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF ADULT MOSQUITOES

INSECTICIDE/ TRADE NAME	MOA	APPLICATION		REMARKS AND PRECAUTIONS
		FLOW RATE (FL OZ/MIN)	SPEED (MPH)	
<i>deltamethrin</i> DeltaGard	3	1.0–60.9	5–20	Uses a very low application rate. No <i>pipernyl butoxide</i> (<i>pbo</i>) in formulation, Type II pyrethroid.
<i>etofenprox</i> Aqua Zenivex E20	3A	0.9–40.4	10–20	EPA Reduced Risk classification. Can be diluted with water.
Zenivex E4 RTU		2.25–18.0	5–15	
Zenivex E20		0.9–52.8	10–20	
<i>malathion</i> Fyfanon ULV	1B	1–8.6	5–20	Long time standard and still effective and cost efficient. Odor present, excites mosquitoes prior to mortality.
Fyfanon EW		3.2–50.4		Fyfanon EW is a water based formulation that has a reduced odor. Good choice for resistance management considerations.
<i>permethrin/pbo</i> Aqualuer 20-20	3	1.6–6.2	10–20	Widely used and highly effective. Maintain the rate in the 0.0035 lb/A range or higher. Cost-effective concentrates available.
Aqua Perm-X UL 30-30		0.5–21.5	10–20	Resistance is a concern. Areas that have used <i>permethrin</i> over several seasons should evaluate pest population for susceptibility.
Aqua-Reslin		0.7–35.4	10–20	
Biomist 1.5 - 7.5		6–54	5–15	Excellent choice for ground applications. Variety of applications.
Biomist 3 + 15		1.5–27	5–15	
Biomist 4 + 4		4.5–18	5–15	
Biomist 30 + 30		1–6	5–15	
Biomist 31 + 66		1–6	5–15	
Envion		0.5–25.8	10–20	Can be diluted with water or oil.
Envion RTU		2.4–16.5	10	Pre-mixed, water diluted, ready to use formulation.
Evolver 4-4 ULV		4.7–75.2		
Evolver 30-30 ULV		1.1–2.2	10	

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		FLOW RATE (FL OZ/MIN)	SPEED (MPH)	
<i>permethrin/pbo (continued)</i>	3			May be diluted with water.
Aqua-Kontrol Concentrate		2–15.5	5–20	
Kontrol 2-2		2–15.5	5–20	
Kontrol 4-4		4–16	5–20	
Kontrol 30-30		0.5–2.2	5–20	
Permanone—Ready-to-use		6–18	5–15	
Permanone 30-30		0.5–2	5–20	
Permanone 31-66		0.5–15	5–20	
Perm-X UL 4-4		1.4–105	5–20	
Perm-X UL 30-30		0.3–38.2	5–20	
Perm-X UL 31-66		0.2–33.6	5–20	
<i>pyrethrins/pbo</i>	3			Product has a variety of uses.
Pyronyl UL-300		8–10	5–10	
Pyronyl 525 Oil Concentrate				
<i>sumithrin/pbo</i>	3			Good for truck applications.
Anvil 2 + 2 ULV		3.1–37.2	5–20	
Anvil 10 + 10		0.6–7.6	5–20	
<i>prallethrin and sumithrin</i>	3			Combines two active ingredients, causes benign agitation, useful against Asian Tiger Mosquito.
Duet		2.5–7.5	5–20	
<i>Abamectin, Fenopathrin, C8910 Fatty Acids</i> ReMoa Tri	3A & 6	1.03–12.34	5–20	Broad spectrum efficacy to manage both metabolic and kdr resistance. First new active ingredient in many years.

TABLE 2. LABEL RECOMMENDATIONS OF INSECTICIDES FOR USE AS THERMAL AEROSOLS IN GROUND APPLICATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF ADULT MOSQUITOES

INSECTICIDE/ TRADE NAME	MOA	APPLICATION		REMARKS AND PRECAUTIONS
		FLOW RATE (FL OZ/MIN)	SPEED (MPH)	
<i>etofenprox</i>	3A			Apply at the rate of 0.00175–0.0070 lb ai/A.
Aqua Zenivex E20		0.9–40.4	10–20	
Zenivex E4 RTU		0.3–48.0	5–15	
Zenivex E20		0.9–52.8	10–20	
<i>malathion</i>	1B			Long time standard and still effective and cost efficient. Odor present, excites mosquitoes prior to mortality.
Fyfanon ULV		1.6–2.1	5	

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		FLOW RATE (FL OZ/MIN)	SPEED (MPH)	
<i>permethrin/pbo</i>	3			Rate not to exceed 0.007 lb/A.
Aqualuer 20-20		0.7–25.5	10–20	
Aqua Perm-X UL 30-30		0.5–21.5	10–20	
Envion		2.2–25.8	10–20	Do not exceed 0.007 lb ai/A.
Envion RTU		1.2– 32.9	5–20	Droplet size will range from 0.1–1 microns.
Evolver 4-4 ULV			5–20	Apply in 0.0035–0.007 lb ai/A range.
Evolver 30-30 ULV				Rates vary according to dilution, do not exceed 0.007 lb/A.
Kontrol 2-2		10.5–32	5–20	Widely used and highly effective. Maintain dose in the 0.0035 lb/A range.
Kontrol 4-4		21.0–64	5–20	
Kontrol 30-30		21.0–64	5–20	
Permanone 30-30		0.41–3	5–20	Flow rate depends on concentration. Rate not to exceed 0.007 lb <i>permethrin</i> /A.
Perm-X UL 4-4		1.4–105	5–20	
Perm-X UL 30-30		0.3–38.2	5–20	
Perm-X UL 31-66		0.2–33.6	5–20	
<i>pyrethrin/pbo</i>	3			
Pyrenone 25-5		12–30	Variable	Rate not to exceed 0.0025 lb of <i>pyrethrins</i> /A. No water set back.
Pyronyl 525 Oil Concentrate				
<i>sumithrin/phenothrin/pbo</i>	3, 3A			Good for truck applications.
Anvil 2+2 ULV		3.1–37.2	5–20	
Anvil 10+10 ULV		0.6–7.6	5–20	

TABLE 3. LABEL RECOMMENDATIONS OF INSECTICIDES FOR USE IN AERIAL APPLICATIONS FOR CONTROL OF ADULT MOSQUITOES

INSECTICIDE/ TRADE NAME	MOA	GROSS AMOUNT PER ACRE (OZ)	REMARKS AND PRECAUTIONS
<i>deltamethrin</i>	3		
Imperium			New formulation for aerial applications, effective at low rates.
<i>etofenprox</i>	3A		Apply diluted or undiluted at rates up to 0.007 lb ai/A. Minimum application height 100 ft.
Aqua Zenivex E20			
Zenivex E4 RTU			
Zenivex E20			Apply at 100–300 ft altitude.
<i>malathion</i>	1B		
Fyfanon ULV		1–3	Long time standard and still effective and cost efficient. Odor present, excites mosquitoes prior to mortality. New lower rate recently approved by EPA.

TABLE 3. LABEL RECOMMENDATIONS OF INSECTICIDES FOR USE IN AERIAL APPLICATIONS FOR CONTROL OF ADULT MOSQUITOES (*continued*)

INSECTICIDE/ TRADE NAME	MOA	GROSS AMOUNT PER ACRE (OZ)	REMARKS AND PRECAUTIONS
<i>naled</i> Dibrom Concentrate	1B	0.5–1	Restricted Use Pesticide due to eye and skin hazard. Best choice for salt-marsh mosquitoes, typically applied aerially, rapidly degrades in the environment, however, highly corrosive to all equipment. Resistance has become a concern in some areas.
Trumpet EC		0.6–1.2	
<i>permethrin/pbo</i> AquaHalt	3	0.28–0.76	Water based, labeled for use over crops.
Aqualuer 20-20			Apply diluted or undiluted at rates up to 0.007 lb ai/A.
Aqua-Reslin		0.25–0.5	Widely used and highly effective. Maintain dose in the 0.0035 lb/A range.
Biomist 1.5 + 7.5 ULV		9	
Biomist 4.0 + 4.0 ULV		3	
Biomist 12 + 60 ULV		1–3	
Biomist 30 + 30 ULV		0.33–1	
Biomist 31 + 66 ULV		0.33–1	
Envion			Apply diluted or undiluted at rates up to 0.007 lb <i>permethrin/pbo</i> /A.
Envion RTU		up to 2.72	Apply at altitudes between 100–300 ft.
Evolver 4-4 ULV		3.1	Do not exceed 3.1 fl oz/A.
Evolver 30-30 ULV		0.05–0.36	Apply at sufficient air speed to deliver the appropriate amount of a.i./A (from 0.00175–0.007 lb).
Aqua-Kontrol Concentrate		up to 1.5	
Kontrol 4 + 4		up to 3	
Kontrol 30 + 30		up to 0.35	
Permanone 31-66		0.16–0.6	
Perm-X UL 4-4		up to 3.1	
Perm-X UL 30-30		up to 0.32	
Perm-X UL 31-66		up to 0.36	
<i>pyrethrins/pbo</i> Pyrenone 25-5	3		Apply up to 0.0025 lb of <i>pyrethrins</i> /A with equipment designed and operated to produce a ULV spray application.
Pyronyl 525 Oil			Fixed Wing apply using a nozzle height of 100', Rotary Wing no less than 75'.
<i>sumithrin/pbo</i> Anvil 2 + 2 ULV	3	1–3	
Anvil 10 + 10 ULV		0.21–0.62	
<i>prallethrin and sumithrin</i> Duet	3	0.41–1.24	Combines two active ingredients, causes benign agitation, option for Asian Tiger Mosquito.

TABLE 4. LABEL RECOMMENDATIONS OF INSECTICIDES FOR USE IN GROUND APPLICATIONS FOR LARVAL MOSQUITO CONTROL

INSECTICIDE/ TRADE NAME	MOA	GROSS AMOUNT PER ACRE (OZ)	REMARKS AND PRECAUTIONS
mineral oil			Surface film material. Effective against both larvae and pupae, low labor input required. Use higher rates for areas with more vegetation or pollution.
BVA2 Mosquito Larvicide Oil		1–5 gal	
Cocobear Mosquito Larvicide Oil		3–5 gal	
Kontrol Mosquito Larvicide		1–5 gal	
<i>methoprene</i>	7A		Significant residual effect possible, up-front cost more, can save labor costs. Approved for use in stock waters. Newly approved for ULV applications. Used to prepare Altosand granular formulation.
Altosid Liquid Larvicide		3–4 fl oz	
Altosid Liquid Larvicide Concentrate		0.75–1 fl oz	
Altosid 30-Day Briquets		1/100 sq ft	
Altosid XR Briquets		1 briquet/100–200 sq ft	For areas up to 2 ft in depth; use additional briquette for areas over 2 ft in depth. Effective up to 150 days.
Altosid P35		2.5–20 lb	New product, spherical design to improve calibration and treatment accuracy, 35 days of residual control.
Altosid Pellets		2.5–10 lb	Rate depends on species targeted. Use lower rates when water is shallow or vegetation, and/or pollution is minimal. Effective up to 30 days.
Altosid Pellets Water Soluble Pouch (WSP)		Up to 135 sq ft	
Altosid SBG II		3–20 lb	Rate depends on target species.
Altosid XR-G		5–20 lb	May be applied prior to flooding.
Altosid XR-G Ultra		2.5–20 lb	Carbon-free granule to provide a cleaner application.
MetaLarv S-PT		2.5–10 lb	Use lower rates when water is shallow, vegetation, and/or pollution are minimal and mosquito populations are low.
MetaLarv XRP Extended Release Pouch		1 pouch/100 sq ft	Potential residual of up to 105 days in drainage systems and 42 days in surface waters.
<i>pyriproxyfen</i>	7C		A newly available active ingredient for larval sites that do not drain into natural habitats. Appropriate for man-made sites including catch basins and retention ponds.
Sumilarv 0.5G			
Sachets (WSP)		1 sachet/0–500 gallons	Consult label for additional rate to volume calculations.
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>israelensis</i>	11A		Biological control agent, very effective, environmentally sound, store products in cool areas, and use by expiration date. Timing of application critical for maximum effectiveness. Use higher label rates when large larval populations are present, larvae are in late 3rd or 4th instars or local experience has demonstrated that higher rates are required to achieve high levels of mortality.
Aquabac XT 12AS		1–2 pt	
Aquabac 200G		2.5–10 lb	
Aquabac 400G		1.25–8 lb	
Bactimos/Summit Briquets/Dunks		1 briquet/100 sq ft	
Mosquito Dunks		1 dunk/100 sq ft	
Summit Bti Briquets		1 briquet/100 sq ft	
Summit Bti Granules		2.5–0 lbs	
Teknar HP-D		0.25–1 pt	
Vectobac CG		2.5–10 lb	
Vectobac 12AS		5–100 gal	
Vectobac G		2–20 lb	
Fourstar Multi-Brood Controlled Release Granule		7.5–20 lb	
Fourstar Bti Briquet 150-Day		1 briquet/100 sq ft	Alternate wetting and drying will not reduce effectiveness, performs optimally in shaded areas.

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INSECTICIDE/ TRADE NAME	MOA	GROSS AMOUNT PER ACRE (OZ)	REMARKS AND PRECAUTIONS
Bacillus sphaericus Vectolex WSP	11B	1 pouch/50 sq ft	Biological control agent with residual effect. Targets specific species, especially Culex. Not recommended for salt-marsh mosquitoes.
Vectolex CG		5–20 lb	
(Waste Tires)		20–80 lb or 0.5–2 lb/1000 sq ft	
Vectolex WDG		0.5–1.5 lb	
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>israelensis</i> and <i>Bacillus sphaericus</i> Vectomax FG	11A + 11B	5–20 lb/A 20–80 lb/A for tire piles	Effective against all pest species of mosquitoes, will reduce likelihood of resistance. Approved for use in organic crops and sensitive areas.
Vectomax WSP		1 pouch/50 sq ft	
Vectomax G		5–20 lb/A 2 0–80 lb/A for tire piles	
Fourstar 45-Day Briquet		1 briquet/100 sq ft	
Fourstar 90-Day Briquet		1 briquet/100 sq ft	
Fourstar 180-Day Briquet		1 briquet/100 sq ft	
Fourstar Multi-Brood Granule		7.5–20 lb/A	
Fourstar Multi-Brood Controlled Release Granule		5–20 lb/A	
Fourstar Single Brood Bti Sand Granule		3–10 lb	
Fourstar Water Soluble Pouch		1 pouch/50 sq ft of larval habitat	
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>israelensis</i> and (s)-methoprene Vectoprime	11A + 7A	1.25–10 lb/A 10–20 lb/A	Post-flood—Use higher rates when water is heavily polluted. Pre-flood—7 days pre-flood use 10–20 lb/A; and for 7–14 days pre-flood. Wider application window for early or late instars.
Duplex—G		2.5–20 lb/A	
<i>spinosad</i> Natular G—Single Brood Granule	5	3.5–9 lb/A	Registered as a reduced risk pesticide by EPA.
Natular G30		5–20 lb/A	Multiple-brood extended release granule.
Natular G30 WSP		1–2 pouches/100 sq ft	Natular G30 WSP can be applied prior to flooding, reapply after 30 days.
Natular SC		1.2–6.4 fl oz/A	Use lower rates for shallow water with limited vegetation or pollution and when larval populations are low.
Natular T30		1 tablet/100 sq ft	Multiple-brood, 30-day tablet.
Natular XRT		1 tablet/100 sq ft	Multiple-brood extended release tablet.

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INSECTICIDE/ TRADE NAME	MOA	GROSS AMOUNT PER ACRE (OZ)	REMARKS AND PRECAUTIONS
<i>mineral oil</i>			
BVA 2 Mosquito Larvicide Oil		3–5 gal	Surface film material. Not for use in environmentally sensitive areas. Surface film product that controls larvae and pupae.
Cocobear Mosquito Larvicide Oil		3–5 gal	
Kontrol Mosquito Larvicide Oil		Aerial: 2–4 gal Ground: 1–5 gal	Rate depends on water surface conditions and vegetative density.
<i>methoprene</i>			
Altosid Liquid Larvicide		3–4 fl oz	Effective against both larvae and pupae, low labor input required.
Altoside Liquid Larvicide Concentrate		0.75–1 fl oz	
Altosid P35		2.5–20 lb	New product, spherical design to improve calibration and treatment accuracy, 35 days of residual control.
Altosid pellets		2.5–10 lb	
Altosid XR-G		1/200 sq ft	
Altosid XR-G Ultra		2.5–20 lb	Carbon-free granule to provide a cleaner application.
Altosand G		8–10 lb	
MetaLarv S-PT		2.5–10 lb	Use lower rates when water is shallow, vegetation and/or pollution are minimal and mosquito populations are low.
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>israelensis</i>			
Aquabac XT		0.25–2 pt	
Summit B.t.i. Granules		2.5–20 lb	
Teknar HPD		0.25–1 pt	
Vectobac 12 AS		0.25–2 pt	
Vectobac CG		2.5–10 lb	
Vectobac G		2.5–5 lb	
Vectobac WDG		1.75–14 oz	
Fourstar Single Brood Bti Sand Granule		3–20 lb	
Fourstar Multi-brood Controlled Release Granule		7.5–20 lb	
Sustain MBG		5–20 lb	

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INSECTICIDE/ TRADE NAME	MOA	GROSS AMOUNT PER ACRE (OZ)	REMARKS AND PRECAUTIONS
<i>Bacillus sphaericus</i> Vectolex CG	11B	5–20 lb	Biological control agent with residual effect. Targets specific species, especially Culex.
Vectolex WDG		0.5–1.5 lb	
Vectolex WSP		1 pouch/50 sq ft	
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>israensis</i> and <i>Bacillus sphaericus</i> Vectomax CG	11A +	5–20 lb	Effective against all pest species of mosquitoes, will reduce likelihood of resistance.
Vectomax G	11B	20–80 lb for tire piles	
Duplex—G		5–20 lb 20–80 lb for tire piles	
Fourstar Multi-Brood Granule		2.5–20 lb	Effective up to 40 days.
Fourstar Multi-Brood Controlled Release Granule		5–20 lb	
<i>spinosad</i> Natular G	5	3.5–9 lb	Registered as a reduced risk pesticide by EPA.
Natular XRG		5–20 lb	
Natular 2EC		1.3–2.8 fl oz/A	