Mosquito Misting

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History

- Treating trees and shrubs for insects is not new, the industry has been doing it for years
- Treating for mosquitoes is not a new concept either as companies were performing in the late 90s
 - Fixed misters on homes
 - Use of cypermethrin on the perimeter
- Use of backpack misters was introduced using residuals
- Popularity was boosted in 2016 with media coverage of Zika virus transmitted by mosquitoes
- Makes up an average of 18% of PCO revenues



(2022 State of the Mosquito Market Report)

Best Application Practices

The Label is the Law!

- Pollinator awareness
 - Do not treat plants that are blooming or where pollinators are foraging
 - Not all plants need to be treated to be effective
- Calibrate your equipment
 - Backpack misters should be calibrated like all other equipment
 - Fixed orifice should be used rather than adjustable
- Avoiding off-target applications
 - Treating the interior leaves
 - Treating away to avoid unintentional drift
 - Decrease velocity to reduce distance
 - Treat hedges at 45-degree angles
 - Be aware of your surroundings



Industry Movement

Environmental Stewardship

- Use of larvicides is growing with 61% using (2022 State of the Mosquito Market Report)
- Ovitrap style controls are gaining a foothold supplemental and stand alone products
- Natural products
- Chemistries requiring less active ingredients
- Push for battery powered equipment
- Tracking mosquito pressures to dictate need

