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Neogen Webinar

With the unprecedented impact that the coronavirus has made to our environment and lives, biosecurity measures are more important than ever before. As pest control professionals, your role in preserving and protecting environments for your communities remains vital. At a minimum, understanding disinfectants and their best use provides added value to your discussions with both residential and commercial customers.

In addition to learning what disinfectant treatments are available to you and what the application guidelines are, our on-demand webinar – available to you any time – will help you determine if adding biosecurity services to your business makes sense.

Disinfection and sanitation services have often been recognized as a natural extension of pest control services as PMPs look for better ways to support their customers and communities.

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Creature Feature Phorid Flies



Phorid flies are small flies that mostly breed in decaying

animal or plant material. Some are parasites, as in the genus Pseudacteon, which contains species that have been released in the United States to biologically control red imported fire ants. The larvae of these phorid flies decapitate worker ants by consuming the contents of the head and causing it to fall off.

In structural pest management, phorid flies are found breeding in a wide variety of materials. They are common in medical waste and corpses and, therefore, in healthcare facilities and mausoleums. Where animals are cared for, they can breed in soiled bedding and feces. In food handling establishments, they can breed anywhere moist organic matter is allowed to accumulate, for example, underneath equipment and in poorly maintained grease traps. The worst-case scenario is when a plumbing line breaks underneath a building's foundation and phorid flies breed in the soil moistened with organic matter, then enter the building through openings in the floor.

Ideally, phorid flies are best managed by finding and

removing breeding sites. This is not always possible, such as in mausoleums. If breeding sites are difficult to maintain clean, a borate solution can be applied to essentially convert the breeding medium into a toxic bait that will kill the larvae. Insect light traps can help remove a significant number of adults from the environment. An appropriately labeled fly bait can also be applied to surfaces where adult flies tend to congregate.

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How In2Care InsecTech

revolutionized the use of auto-dissemination in mosquito control





Controlling container-breeding mosquitoes

Day-biting *Aedes* mosquitoes can be very annoying and can spread viruses like Zika and Dengue. Female mosquitoes take a blood meal to develop eggs and reproduce. The eggs are deposited in small water holding containers in which the larvae develop. Eggs of the same batch will be distributed among several breeding sites. The main constraint to control container-breeding mosquitoes is the difficulty in targeting the multitude of larval breeding sites, mostly consisting of small man-made water containers that can be very hard to find.

Auto-dissemination as a solution

To target all the small mosquito breeding sites, the concept of autodissemination could be exploited. Auto-dissemination is based on the possibility that adult mosquitoes can spread insecticides to surrounding larval habitats, that are hard to find for pest control personnel. Pyriproxyfen is an insect growth hormone that has the potential to be used for this concept of auto-dissemination. When applied in water of a mosquito breeding container, pyriproxyfen disrupts the development of larvae into adult mosquitoes. The challenge is to contaminate the mosquitoes with enough particles of pyriproxyfen to achieve auto-dissemination. Applying pyriproxyfen as powder or liquid on a surface does not enable auto-dissemination, simply because the insecticide will not be transferred to the mosquito body in large enough quantities.

Unique particle transfer technology

To overcome the challenge of particle transfer to a mosquito body, a special technique was developed by the owners of In2Care. They found a way to give static charge to a netting by application of a special coating. Thanks to this static charge, small particles of biocide adhere to the coated netting. These negatively charged particles can subsequently be transferred from the netting to any insect that lands on it. Flying insects get positively charged when they fly because of the friction of their wings. When a positively charged mosquito lands on the netting, the negatively charged particles jump onto the mosquito body. With this novel technique it has become possible to locally contaminate mosquitoes with high dose of biocide particles. Thus, this so-called In2Care InsecTech technology turned the concept of auto-dissemination into reality for mosquito control.

Let mosquitoes do the mosquito control for you

In2Care InsecTech technology is the core of the In2Care Mosquito Trap, making it an innovative and unique mosquito control tool. Adult females are attracted to the water-filled black In2Care Trap container when they are ready to lay their eggs. When a mosquito enters the trap, she lands on the statically charged netting and gets infected with biocide particles. She will lay a batch of eggs in the trap, but these will never develop into adult mosquitoes because of the pyriproxyfen. The infected adult female is allowed to fly out of the trap to continue her search for new breeding sites. However, the mosquito is now carrying the larvicide powder that she will spread to all surrounding breeding sites she visits. In this way, female mosquitoes control larval development in surrounding breeding sites up to 4300 ft2 around the In2Care Mosquito Trap.

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