



KEEPING MOSQUITOES
AWAY FROM
YOUR *Wedding*

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Protect your guests
from uninvited pests at
your outdoor wedding.
Find out the best solutions
to make sure you get
hitched without the itch.

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INTRODUCTION

Ever attended a wedding and been bombarded by uninvited guests of the flying and biting variety? When you're supposed to be smitten by all romance in the room, getting bitten by mosquitoes can be pretty distracting.

Summer time is prime wedding season across Canada. Unfortunately for wedding planners and guests alike, it's also mosquito season. If you're planning a wedding, making sure your guests are having a great time is probably your number one priority. Every bride wants her wedding to be memorable; with all the effort that goes into menus, flower arrangements and end-of-night playlists, the last thing you want your guests to take away is a ton of mosquito bites.

Protect your guests with our top 7 tips for planning an outdoor wedding.



BE MINDFUL OF TIME & PLACE

Generally, the hours between dusk and dawn are the most active times for mosquitoes. This tends to coincide with wedding activities, so be sure to take extra precautions if you're planning an outdoor wedding. Some mosquitoes will bite at any time, so **barrier protection** is going to be your safest bet.

It's also important to remember that **mosquitoes breed in standing water**, and tend not to travel far from where they breed. So, if you're getting married by a lake or pond, chances are you'll have quite a bit of mosquito activity. Do what you can to reduce areas of standing water around your outdoor wedding, ensuring any containers are drained well before guests arriving.



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KEEP LAWN & SHUBBERY TRIMMED

*M*osquitoes like to hide in particular places before they swoop in and go for the bite, and the number one place that mosquitoes will hide in is vegetation. They also feed on plant nectar (when the females aren't sucking your blood, of course), so they tend to kill a lot of time in tall grasses or bushy areas.

Well before your guests arrive, make sure your venue's grass is mowed and the hedges, shrubs and trees are trimmed. This will help reduce mosquito populations, lowering the risk for your guests.



INVEST IN MOSQUITO BARRIER PROTECTION

There are a number of precautions you can take to protect your wedding guests from being eaten alive by mosquitoes, but none will be as thorough and effective as mosquito barrier protection.

Trained and licensed technicians can spray the wedding venue in advance to make sure uninvited guests don't show up on your special day. It's recommended to spray all the usable space twice prior; once a week before the wedding, and again a day or two before. Close attention should be paid to areas your guests will be enjoying themselves in, such as tents, tables, and where group photos are taken. Mosquito control technicians specifically target the typical areas that mosquitoes live, rest, and hide, such as trees, shrubs, plants, grass, or under staircases.

Mosquito.buzz has two control options; a highly effective synthetic option, as well as an all-natural, organic option that is used around sensitive areas such as shorelines.



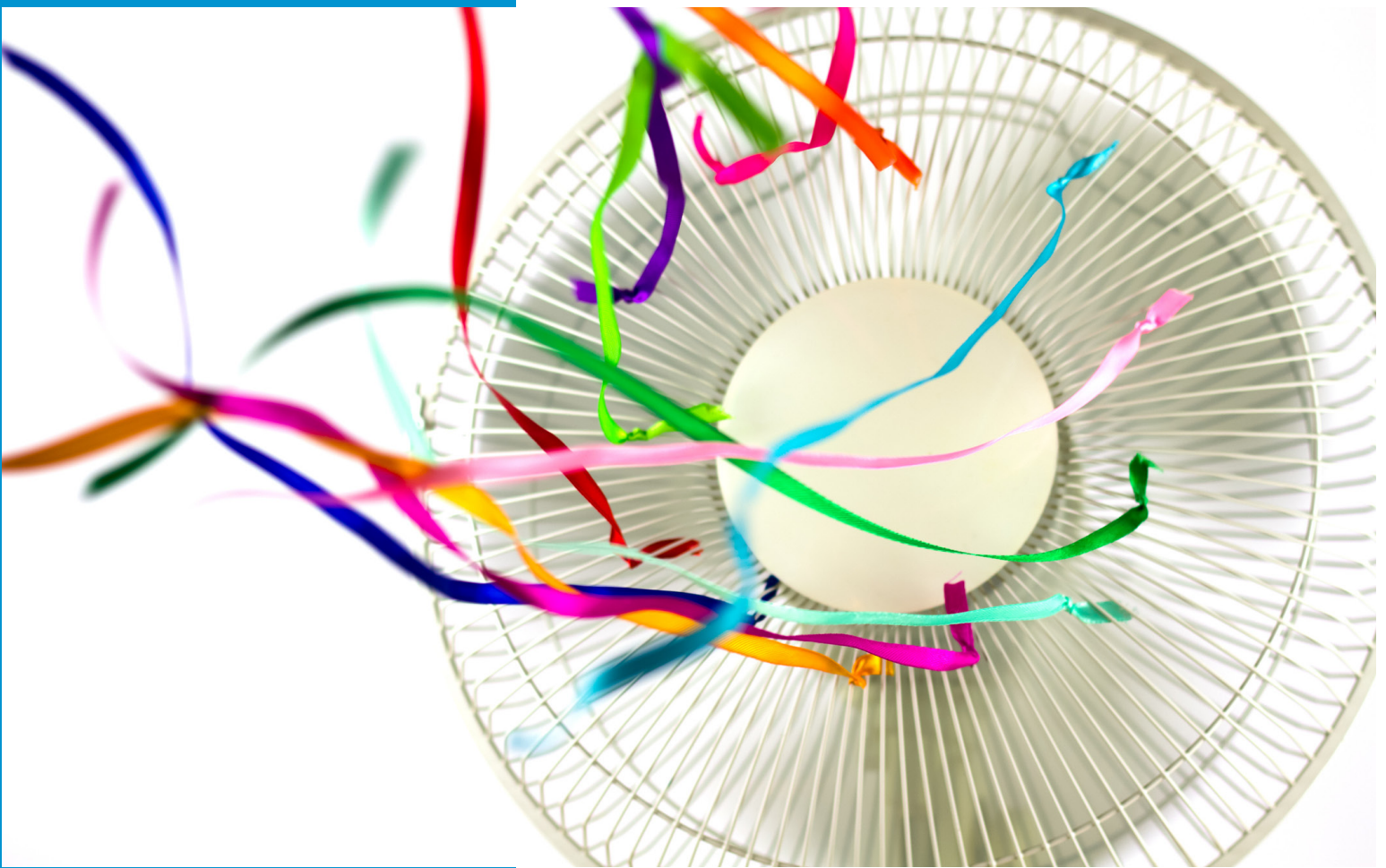
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MAKE USE OF OUTDOOR FANS

*M*osquitoes are pretty weak fliers, so setting up electric fans around the area will help keep them away from your guests, food and beverages. Even if you only set the fans to low, you should create enough airflow to keep mosquitoes from getting close to your wedding guests.

Fans also help disperse the carbon dioxide we emit, which is the major attractant for mosquitoes. If it's a warm day, the fans will help keep guests cool too!



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GIVE GUESTS MOSQUITO REPELLENT

*S*ave your guests' skin from mosquito bites by supplying mosquito repellent. You could leave a few bottles in the washroom, or pop them in baskets around the reception area, or cuter still, give everyone a little bottle with your party favours.

Be mindful of personal preference and try to supply both DEET and non-DEET options in case your guests prefer to go organic.



CHOOSE FLOWERS THAT MOSQUITOES HATE

*F*lowers are an integral part of most traditional weddings. Why not be clever and choose beautiful flowers that will not only create ambience but also repel mosquitoes?

Consider floral arrangements with bee balm (monarda), floss flower (ageratum), lavender, or marigolds.



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GO WITH A PASTEL COLOUR THEME

Consider the size of mosquitoes. With their tiny little eyes, it makes sense that certain colours stand out to them more. Research shows that mosquitoes are attracted to dark colours, so it might be a good idea for guests to opt for a more pastel tone.

If male guests are wearing long sleeves, they'll generally be fine. This leaves the skin of your female guests a much easier target. When you're specifying the dress code in your invitations, you could ask that guests wear a particular colour... with the secret intention of saving them from bites!

You could choose pink, yellow, or just keep it generic with pastel colours. But whatever you do, don't choose blue. It's one of their favourite colours, which explains why those dodgy mosquito zappers usually have a blue light.



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GET HITCHED... WITHOUT THE ITCH!

With the current prevalence of mosquito bite allergies and mosquito-borne infections, it's more important than ever to protect those around you from bites. Don't let biting bugs make an impact on your special day - **Speak to the team of experts at [Mosquito.buzz](https://mosquito.buzz) about mosquito protection for your outdoor wedding today.**



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