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Misting system helps take the sting out of mosquito season

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Steve Jenkins began testing methods to kill mosquitoes in his backyard in a bid to safeguard his newborn son back when he lived in Dallas, Texas, in 2002. During lived in Dallas, Texas, in 2002. During this paternal mission to prevent bloodsuckers from attacking his boy, he tried everything from sprays to candles, but to no avail.

“He couldn't go outside because he'd get eaten up,” Jenkins recalled while driving to Key West, on his way to instal a high-tech residential mosquito system.

Despite his frustration at the time, Jenkins didn't buckle. Then one day, while attending a wedding rehearsal, he sketched an automated misting system on a napkin, the rough blueprint sparking conversation among guests. Eventually, someone mentioned that mom-and-pop operations were installing mosquito misting systems in Houston.

Jenkins also learned that food processing plants and dairy farms had been using misting systems to deal with flies since the early 1970s. Having sold off his laser hair removal and cosmetic center in

Dallas, Jenkins was in the market for a new business venture. Hence, he decided to try his hand at installing mosquito misting systems.

“I got into this trying to solve my own problem,” says Jenkins, who is currently the president of Swat Mosquito Systems, a Miramar-based licensed pest control company.

Swat Mosquito Systems' secret weapon, says Jenkins, is a fully-automated misting system that uses a safe, botanical insecticide derived from chrysanthemums or an equally safe organic alternative made from rosemary oil.

Jenkins says Swat Mosquito Systems are custom designed for each customer's home or business, and once they've been professionally installed, the systems spray at regular intervals according to the customer's schedule and needs.

Jenkins, who runs the company with partner Wylie Davis, recommends misting during the evening and nighttime hours, when biting insects are most active.

Jenkins says his professional installation team

takes great care to custom-design misting systems that are highly effective but largely unnoticeable.

“We're kind of perfectionists, always concerned about how it looks and making sure it's installed correctly,” says Jenkins, noting he's seen plenty of bad Christmas lights.”

Jenkins says the fully-automated system incorporates stainless steel or nickel-plated nozzles that are attached to fence lines, eaves, wrought-iron fences, concrete pillars, gutters or cyclone fences. He says the misting system kills and repels mosquitoes, flies, spiders, gnats, fleas, ticks, roaches, wasps and other outdoor pests. “This thing works,” he says.

For more information, call 1-800-900-SWAT or visit www.SwatMosquitoSystems.com.

