

# Spartan will save my summer

by Guest Columnist Joe Rooks

Summer is nearly here. Schools are letting out, the sun is shining, pools are opening, and mosquitoes are already swarming. If you are anything like me, all you have to do is stand in an open doorway for a minute, and you already have at least two mosquito bites. It is frustrating, itchy, and not fun. Not to mention that mosquitoes are potentially dangerous, too.

This summer, I am happy to inform you that I can ditch my usual summer perfume of bug spray. No more sticky, smelly, chemicals on my skin! Spartan Mosquito Eradicators are "taking back my yard" for me.

I don't have to hire people to come out and spray my yard. No more foggers or even candles that halfway work. Just a few little tubes hanging in the trees on the edge of my property, and I can count myself mosquito-bite free.

My yard is less than an acre, and I hung mine before mosquito season began, so I only needed one box (containing two tubes). Spartan does say that if you hang them after you already have mosquitoes to use two boxes for each acre you're trying to protect. The instructions are simple enough. Fill the tubes with warm water, shake, and then hang them on the edge of your property.

The instructions in the box tell you to hang the tubes about 100

feet away from where you will be hanging out. You do not want the tubes to be near your picnic table. The mosquitoes are drawn to them, so you want them away from your house. I kind of cheated with my placement. Instead of walking off 100 feet, I did what any millennial would do and got on social media. I just messaged Spartan through their Facebook page, and they gave me a personalized map of my yard with red dots showing me the best place to hang the tubes. It was super easy. Not even fifteen days after hanging my Eradicators, my yard was mosquito free!

I had to know more about what the heck was in these tubes! According to Spartan's website, "Spartan is a

mosquito control system that eliminates both male and female mosquitoes quickly and effectively without fogs, unpleasant odors or chemical sprays. The only ingredients in the tubes are salt, sugar and yeast, to which the user adds warm water."

The website also says that the mosquito population will suffer dramatically in the first several weeks and will be up to ninety-five percent controlled for up to ninety days. They don't require batteries or electricity. The only thing you add is warm water.

Spartan Mosquito Eradicators are available at Revell Ace Hardware in Clinton or Byram and online.

I wish you a mosquito free summer!



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