



Ladies Have You Heard?

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OUTDOOR INSECT CONTROL

Are evenings out on your back porch or in your yard made less enjoyable because of annoying insects? You can reduce the number of gnats, mosquitoes and flies in the air if you use an insecticide space spray.

Some of these sprays come in

ready-to-use pressurized cans. Others you apply with a hand sprayer that produces a fine mist. Space sprays usually remain effective for at least 30 minutes. If the insects are not migrating, effectiveness may last as long as several hours.

When buying space sprays, read the label and buy sprays labeled

for use against flying insects. To treat a small outdoor area, such as a small yard or picnic spot, apply the spray upwind of the site, walking slowly across the upwind side of the area you want to treat. If you use a pressurized can, hold it upright and as close to the ground as possible. If you use a hand sprayer, hold it about three feet above the ground.

Be careful not to apply a space spray directly onto trees, shrubs, and other plants. Sprays contain oil which can damage the plants. And never apply a space spray or any insecticide to your skin.

SAFE VACATION

DRIVING

Regardless of how far you plan to travel, include driving safety in your summer vacation plans.

Take your car into your family mechanic for a check-up. By keeping it regularly tuned and in

top condition you can improve your gas mileage.

Many people want to buy as much gasoline as they can. But during summer months, don't completely fill the tank. Gas expands when it is warm and you may lose some of it. Do not, under any circumstances, travel with a spare can of gas.

Carry along a spray bottle of a vinegar-and-ammonia solution to keep the window glass in your car clean - inside and out. Smoke can cause a varnish-like glaze on the inside of windows which cuts night vision and makes driving extra difficult at sunrise and sunset.

Preplan the trip - especially the route. Check with state highway commissions and the latest maps to find the best roads. Interstates are busy during the summer, so you might consider taking the backroads for an easier driving pace and more varied scenery.

Determine where gas stations, campgrounds, motels and recreation areas are located. Make reservations in advance. But be realistic, don't overestimate the number of miles you can drive in a day. Include time for rest stops and sight-seeing - especially if you are traveling with active children or pets.



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