

- vii. After the house has been sprayed, do not plaster, paint, or wash the walls for at least six (6) months; this renders the chemical ineffective.
- viii. After your house has been sprayed, encourage your neighbours in your community to have their houses sprayed too.

**What can I expect after my house has been sprayed?**

You will still see mosquitoes flying around after spraying due to the effect of chemicals. However, they will die once they rest on the sprayed walls. You might also see other household pests that have been forced out of their hiding places by chemical and eventually will die. You will also experience the smell of the chemicals for a short period of time. Don't worry about this smell; it will stop after a few days. You are encouraged to keep the windows and doors open to allow for continued air circulation.

**How much should I pay to have my house sprayed?**

IRS is FREE. Members of the community are not supposed to pay anything to have their house sprayed.



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# Protect Your Family and Your Community from Malaria



# Allow your house to be sprayed to kill Mosquitoes

## Introduction

Malaria is a preventable disease and leading cause of illness and death in Zambia. Allowing your house to be sprayed by people from the Ministry of Health every year is one of the most effective ways to kill mosquitoes and protect your family from malaria.



## How does spraying kill the mosquitoes?

When a mosquito enters a house, it flies around and may bite someone. After the mosquito bites a person, it will need to rest on the wall. Spraying applies a small amount of chemical to indoor walls and roofs; this insecticide will be picked by a resting mosquito. After having picked up the chemical from the sprayed surface the mosquito will die within a day and therefore will not be able to spread malaria.



## Is it safe to have my house sprayed?

Yes, it is very safe to have your house sprayed. Only a small amount of chemical is sprayed onto your walls and this is enough to kill mosquitoes but safe for people of all ages. Members of the household should only enter a sprayed house after two (2) hours and when the walls are completely dry.

## What things should I do before\* my house is sprayed?

- 1) Remove stored water, food and cooking utensils and keep them away from your house.
- 2) Move any furniture to the centre of the room and cover it (this allows for easy access to the walls by spray operators when spraying)

- 3) Keep sick people, new born babies, domestic animals and pets away during spraying.
- 4) Personal items such as toothbrushes, combs, children's toys, school bags and all clothes should be kept in a secure place or removed from the house.

*\*If you are planning to plaster, paint, or wash the walls do so at least one month before your house is sprayed.*

## What things should I do after my house has been sprayed?

- i. After spraying is complete, wait for two hours before entering your house; only enter when the walls are completely dry.
- ii. When you enter your house, immediately open windows and doors to allow for air circulation for 30 minutes.
- iii. Dispose of dead cockroaches, bedbugs or other insects by burying (50 cm) or throwing in a pit latrine to avoid these being eaten by poultry e.g. chickens and ducks.
- iv. Poultry suspected to have eaten dead cockroaches after spraying should not be eaten but disposed of by burying or burning.
- v. Food suspected to have been accidentally contaminated should be buried or thrown in a pit latrine.
- vi. Immediately seek medical attention in the event of any skin irritation or any other chemical reactions encountered.