



# BUG-FREE BARBECUE:

SERVING UP TIPS TO STOP PESTS FROM CRASHING YOUR COOKOUT



## KEEP THINGS CLEAN(ISH).

Periodically wipe down serving, eating, and cooking areas, and dispose of trash in closed containers.

## GO UNDERCOVER.

Ensure that garbage and recycling bins close properly, and when possible, keep food and beverages covered.



## TIDY THE YARD.

Minimize leaf litter and yard debris to reduce harborage areas for ticks, mosquitoes, rodents, and other pests.



## STEER CLEAR OF FLOWERING PLANTS.

If possible, avoid serving or eating food near flowering plants to decrease run-ins with stinging insects.



## ARM YOURSELF WITH REPELLENT.

Keep an EPA-approved repellent on hand to protect yourself and guests from mosquito and tick bites.

## REFRESH YOUR WATER.

Reduce standing water by emptying wheelbarrows, gardening tools, tire swings, and other receptacles. Water in pet dishes, wading pools, bird baths and other sources should be changed regularly.

## GET SOME SUN.

Keep shrubbery and trees trimmed to allow natural light - most pests prefer dark, shady areas.

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