

Natural Fly Spray



Calm Coat Natural Fly Repellent

You can rest easy using this fly repellent knowing it has an all-natural formula of citronella and other botanicals such as peppermint and lemongrass oil. It is gentle enough to use on horses with sensitive skin and is lightweight and non-greasy. The tester found that it needed to be applied daily, but it worked great at keeping all types of insects at bay for the entire day. She found that she needed to put in a little extra work when applying this repellent. Although there are spray and stream settings, the spray came out only slightly wider than the stream and it then needed to be brushed or wiped on to ensure the best coverage.

BUY IT: calmcoat.com



Mere's Atlast Fly Spray

This 100% organic, cedar oil-based fly spray is deemed non-toxic by the EPA, so you can feel good about using it both for the environment and for your horse. The tester liked that it didn't leave a greasy residue and worked great at keeping pesky flies and mosquitoes at bay.

It is safe to use this spray on small cuts, and will keep insects from hanging around these areas. She also liked that she could use it on her dog. As a side note, be sure to test a small area on your horse first, as some animals are allergic to cedar.

BUY IT: atlastflyspray.com.



Happy Horse Fly Repellent

This simple, small batch fly spray is highly effective without the use of synthetic ingredients. The handcrafted blend of apple cider vinegar, herbal extracts, and essential oils was highly potent as our tester sprayed it, but it quickly dissipated into a pleasant aroma. As an added benefit, the additional ingredient of aloe vera gel helped to condition our horses' coats while calming skin irritations (especially those pesky bug bites!).

BUY IT: TheEquineApothecary.com

Shoo Fly!
Don't bother me!
This month our testers bit the bullet and put green fly spray to the test.



pH-Balanced All Natural Lemon Grass and Mint Fly Spray

This oil-based spray is safe for horses, dogs, and humans, making it a great multi-tasker to have around the barn. The essential oils last longer than many others and also give it an amazing smell; combined with a few more natural ingredients, it makes for efficient pest control. Due to the oils and natural ingredients, you need to give it a good shake before you spray as it can separate... but don't let that stop you from giving it a try.

BUY IT: EquineOrganix.com



EcoTreat

This insect control concentrate may not be manufactured for equine use; however, it is startlingly effective for all facets of pest control. When used at various dilutions, this all-natural and organic spray can be used in misting systems as well as in your horse laundry for added insect repellent power. We also loved using it on concrete aisles to keep the bugs down in the barn. It may not have smelled as sweet as some of the other sprays we tried, but we certainly didn't let that deter us.

BUY IT: WonderCide.com

Our testers: This Prepurchase Exam was conducted by: Kelly Ballou, Managing Editor; Jennifer Roberts, Social Editor; and Jane Carlton, News Editor.



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