

Fall is Here and Midge Flies are Swarming!

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Midge flies, also called blind mosquitoes, can be a problem in Florida all year, but swarms tend to be worse in the early fall and the dry hot spring when water tables are at their lowest. The larvae thrive in Florida lakes including shallow areas around the shoreline and their numbers can grow exponentially in lakes with high nutrient levels, low oxygen and bottom muck.

Even though they do not bite, sting, suck blood or carry disease, dense swarming clouds of midge flies can be a real nuisance to lakeside communities:

- They limit outdoor recreation and drive people inside
- Can be accidentally inhaled and are known to cause allergic reactions in some people
- May cause property damage by blanketing houses, outdoor furniture, cars and landscaping