

Controlling Frogs and Lizards
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How can I get rid of the frogs or lizards? This is like the plague in Egypt! Frogs and lizards may seem like a nuisance, but they provide a valuable resource in eating insects. None of Georgia's frogs or lizards are venomous. They can be responsible for attracting snakes however.

There is no frog or lizard repellent. We just try to make the environment less attractive to them. Reduce the food supply (bugs!) if possible. Use yellow porch lights to attract fewer insects. Spray an insecticide in a band several feet wide around the edge of the house and a couple of feet up the outside wall. The insecticide you use depends on the insects you are trying to kill. Several insecticides you could use include Demon (cypermethrin), Baygon or Permethrin. Try not to use insecticides inside unless you have to. Read and follow all label directions when using any pesticide.

Move potted plants and other things insects, frogs and lizards can hide under. Remove clutter (boxes, brush, lumber piles etc.) that they can hide in. Fill holes in the yard that may provide shelter for frogs or lizards. If the area is moist, try to dry it out by rerouting downspouts and improving drainage. Remove items holding water or food for insects (pet or bird food, trash etc.)

Keep frogs and lizards outside by sealing cracks and installing weather stripping around doors and windows and putting in sweeps under doors. This is very important to keeping these nuisances outside. If they are getting inside, find out how and seal up the hole!

Glue traps will catch these pests if they climb or jump on them, but then you will have to kill and dispose of the critter. Some times a pet will drive off these invaders. Another idea is to enlist a child to collect the frogs and lizards and move them.