

Littoral Spiders

Regarding the spiders and spider pods, I spoke with Clear Waters, Inc. over two weeks ago. He explained that if owners are having a problem with some of the spiders coming into their lanai, they should use a household pest control company to spray for spiders in and around their home. He suggested DO NOT spray anything into the lake area itself. These spiders help control the midge flies, mosquitos and other flying pests. These pests get stuck in their webs. It is a natural occurrence of the delicate ecosystem. Spraying anything into the water could upset the organisms that control algae growth and feed the life in the lake.

The University of Florida extension is in total agreement with the above statement. A sample was brought to them, a pod and a spider, and UF confirmed it is a harmless and beneficial insect that helps control flying pests. They eat bugs not plants.

If needed there are a number of ecofriendly products available to the homeowner