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Bug-Repelling Lantern

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Thermacell Repellent Camp Lantern

If you live in a place with bugs—meaning, if you live on Earth—you might want to pay attention. Thermacell's Repellent Camp Lantern creates a mosquito-, black fly-, and other pest-free zone approximately 15 feet by 15 feet. Powered by D-cell batteries, the device holds a small butane cartridge that heats up allethrin, a synthesized version of the naturally repellent chemical found in chrysanthemum flowers. Turn it on and skeeters be gone—at least they were during testing in the Lower 48. If anyone wants to send me to test it in Alaska, where the bugs are hard-core, I'm game.

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