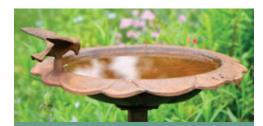


Mosquitoes can develop in water that stands for more than 5 days.

Use these tips to create a mosquito-free home and yard!



over anything that can hold water, such as toys, dog bowls, plant saucers, vases, or bird baths.



TOSS or recycle any unwanted yard items that may collect water, such as old tires, junk, or trash.



TURN over items that can hold water like children's pools, wheelbarrows, or buckets.



TIGHTEN tarps over items like boats, wood piles, grills, and pools.



TAKE CARE of your property. Clean out debris from ditches, drains, and gutters. Keep grass cut low and trim or remove overgrown plants.



TREAT items that can't be drained or emptied with appropriate mosquito control products.





TEAM UP and talk with neighbors about reducing mosquitoes in and around your home and neighborhood.

LOCATE AND MANAGE SITES WHERE MOSQUITOES BREED

Any site where water stands for 5 days or more may breed mosquitoes.

Containers

- Drain or get rid of containers that hold water.
- Pack sand or cement into natural containers like tree holes.
- Flush out or treat water-holding plants with a small amount of food-grade oil or a safe mosquito control product.

Standing Water

- Stock ornamental ponds with fish that eat mosquitoes, such as "mosquito fish" (*Gambusia*) or small goldfish.
- Keep shallow pond edges cleared of plants and weeds.
- Clean weeds, dirt, and debris from ditches so water flows freely.
- Treat small areas that can't be drained with safe mosquito control products.
- Fill low places with dirt or cement.
- Repair outdoor leaky pipes or faucets and failing septic tanks that pool
 water.

Protect from Biting Mosquitoes

- Properly apply an EPA-registered repellent such as catnip oil, citronella oil, DEET, IR 3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, picaridin, IR 3535, or 2-undecanone.
- Avoid mosquitoes when and where they are most active at dawn, dusk, twilight hours, and night or in shady areas during the day.
- · Avoid wearing fruity or floral scented products.
- **Wear protective clothing**, such as a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and/or permethrin-treated clothing.
- Wear light-colored clothing because mosquitoes are attracted to dark colors
- Use mosquito coils and heated repellent pads to repel mosquitoes in small areas.
- Install and maintain screens to keep mosquitoes out.
- **Trim overgrown plants** that provide resting areas for adult mosquitoes, such as shrubs, grass, weeds, vines, and ground cover.
- Use yellow light bulbs or sodium-vapor orange lights outside to prevent attracting mosquitoes.
- Apply a pesticidal fog with a hand-held fogger to provide temporary relief outdoors.
- Protect your cat or dog from heartworms by asking your veterinarian for preventative medicine.

SITES WITH STANDING WATER THAT MAY BREED MOSOUITOES:

Man-Made Containers

- Cans
- Bottles
- Buckets
- Flowerpot saucers
- Plant cuttings rooting in water
- Pet bowls
- Animal troughs
- Tires
- Birdbaths
- Wheelbarrows
- Children's toys
- Wading pools
- Neglected swimming pools
- Rain barrels
- Clogged roof gutters and downspouts
- Catch basins
- Boats
- Junk cars
- Plastic sheeting or tarps used to cover yard items

Natural Containers

- Rock pools
- Tree and stump holes
- Bamboo stumps
- Magnolia leaves
- Bromeliad and Pitcher plants

Standing Water

- Ornamental ponds
- Shallow pond margins with plant growth
- Clogged ditches
- Ground pools
- Tire ruts
- Leaky pipes and outdoor faucets
- Failing septic tanks



Call a local mosquito control program for help in locating breeding sites if you are unable to locate them yourself. Controlling mosquitoes is a community effort.