



MOSQUITO CONTROL BEGINS AT HOME



Mosquitoes can develop in any standing water that is present for more than seven to ten days. To reduce the mosquito population around your home and property, eliminate all standing water and debris. Here are some spots where water can collect.



- ❑ **Cans and Buckets.** Discard them, store them inside, or turn them upside down.
- ❑ **Old Tires.** Store in a basement or shed where they won't collect rainwater.
- ❑ **Barrels and Garbage Cans.** Drain them and store tightly covered or upside down.

- ❑ **Roof Gutters.** Clean out leaves and debris that trap and hold water. Repair sagging gutters.
- ❑ **Bird Baths.** Change and clean the water every few days.
- ❑ **Wading Pools.** Change the water every few days, but make sure that the water you dump out drains away. Turn upside down when not in use.
- ❑ **Canoes and Boats.** Cover with a tight-fitting tarp, or turn upside down. Open drain plug and tilt boat so water flows out.
- ❑ **Ornamental Ponds.** Stock with small fish that will eat developing mosquitoes.
- ❑ **Puddles and Swampy Areas.** Grade to drain off the water, or fill with dirt.
- ❑ **Flower Pots and Vases.** Drain standing water from pot saucers and change water in outdoor vases every couple of days.



- ❑ **Leaky Faucets and Hoses.** Repair leaking faucets and drain area beneath.
- ❑ **Tarps or Plastic Sheets.** Make sure that coverings on boats, swimming pools, compost piles, etc. are pulled tight and sloped so that rainwater runs off..
- ❑ **Pet or Livestock Watering Pans.** Empty frequently, clean and refill.

- ❑ **Wheelbarrows.** Store under cover in a basement or shed or upside down.
- ❑ **Drainage Basins.** Remove stagnant water from sump pits, dry wells, or drainage basins.
- ❑ **Drainage Ditches.** Make sure that water flows freely.
- ❑ **Cesspools and Septic Tanks.** Make sure systems are tightly-covered, operating properly, and not overflowing.
- ❑ **Storm Drains.** Check to see that water flows freely and is not blocked by leaves and debris.



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