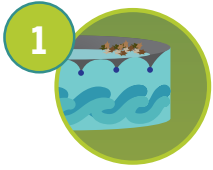
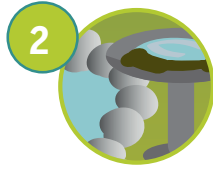


# CONTROL MOSQUITOES TIP 'n TOSS

Mosquitoes breed in standing water. To reduce the mosquito population around your home and property, eliminate all standing water and debris.



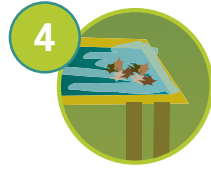
1 Pool cover that collects water, neglected swimming pool or child's wading pool



2 Birdbath (change water weekly) and garden pond (stock with fish)



3 Any toy, garden equipment, or container that can hold water



4 Flat roof with standing water



5 Clogged rain gutter (home and street)



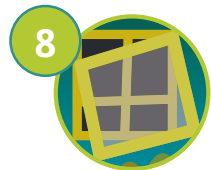
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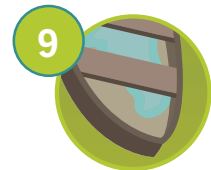
6 Trash and old tires; Drill drain holes in bottom of tire swings



7 Tree rot hole, hollow stump or rain puddle



8 Repair missing, damaged, or improperly installed screens



9 Uncovered boat or boat cover that collects water



10 Leaky faucet (repair) or pet bowl (change water daily)

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## MOSQUITO

# Control Advice



eggs



larva



pupa



adult mosquito

## LOCAL SITES WHERE MOSQUITOES BREED

All mosquitoes need standing water to begin their life cycle. Locate all sites that hold water.

### Drain, Fill, or Get Rid of Areas that Hold Water

- **Containers that hold water**
- **Swimming Pools** — maintain with proper chemicals, cover or drain if not in use
- **Plastic sheeting or tarps used to cover yard items** — pull tight so water won't pool
- **Shallow edges of ponds** — clear of plants and weeds
- **Clogged ditches and pipes** — clean out leaves, dirt, and debris so water flows freely
- **Low places, tire ruts or puddles** — fill with dirt or sand
- **Tree holes and hollow stumps** — pack with dirt or sand
- **Leaky pipes and outdoor faucets** — repair
- **Small areas of water that can't be drained** — treat with larvicides, follow label instructions

### Protect Yourself from Biting Mosquitoes

- **Screens on windows, doors and porches** — install or keep in good repair
- **Car windows and garage doors** — keep closed at night
- **Overgrown shrubs, grass, weeds, vines and ground cover** — trim or remove overgrown plants that provide cool/dark/damp areas where adult mosquitoes rest
- **Scented products** — avoid using products that smell like fruit or flowers
- **Protective clothing** — wear long sleeves, long pants and socks
- **Treat clothing and gear** — use permethrin products on clothing, boots, tents or purchase pre-treated items
- **Light-colored clothing** — wear light colors — mosquitoes are attracted to dark colors
- **Insect repellent** — use EPA-registered insect repellent containing DEET, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or Picaridin

Contact your local Public Health Department Environmental Health Section with questions.

**Protect and Prevent.**

## Sites with Standing Water That May Breed Mosquitoes

### MAN-MADE CONTAINERS

- Cans
- Bottles
- Buckets
- Flower pot saucers
- Plant cuttings rooting in water
- Pet bowls or animal troughs
- Tires
- Birdbaths
- Wheel barrows
- Children's toys and wading pools
- Rain barrels
- Clogged roof gutters & downspouts
- Boats
- Junk cars
- Plastic sheeting or tarps used to cover yard items

### NATURAL CONTAINERS

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

### NATURAL AREAS

- Ground pools
- Clogged ditches or streams
- Irrigated pastures or farmland
- River and stream floodplains
- Freshwater marsh and swamps
- Salt marsh margins
- Lake/Pond margins with plant growth

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