

FIGHT THE BITE!



Property Maintenance Checklist WHAT YOU CAN DO !!!

Animals: Eliminate mosquito breeding areas from live-stock pens. Keep fresh water in troughs or use mosquito-fish.

Birdbaths: Clean or hose out birdbaths weekly.

Clothing: Wear long sleeved shirts and long pants when working around mosquito infested areas.

Containers: Cover containers or turn upside down so that they do not hold water including: ashtrays, boxes, buckets, cans, cups, pots and trash.

Dawn/Dusk: The times of day that biting mosquitoes are most active since they avoid the heat of day.

Drains: Keep outdoor drains flowing freely.

Dripping Water: Fix leaks around faucets, air conditioner units and hoses.

Irrigation: Do not overwater. Eliminate any areas of excess standing water weekly.

Playgrounds: Drill drainage holes in tire swings and playground equipment that holds water.

Ponds: Stock with mosquito-eating fish.

Potted Plants: Do not over water plants. Empty saucers weekly or flush with garden hose. Drill small drainage holes in outdoor saucers.

Pools and Spas: Maintained pools and whirlpool spas are not a hazard since pool chemicals and filters kill any larvae. Drain water or add mosquitofish to deserted pools and spas.

Rain barrels: Cover tightly with screening.

Rain gutters: Keep gutters clear of debris, which can become breeding areas of standing water.

Sculpture: Lawn ornaments should be checked for areas that hold water, and drained or flushed weekly.

Screens: Install and maintain tight-fitting window and door screens.

Septic Tanks: Cover Tanks and lids and screen all vents including vents on your roof.

Streams and Creeks: Call your local Mosquito and Vector Control District for help with standing water in creeks and streams.

Tires: Properly dispose of old tires or cover.

Tree holes: Eliminate water from dead tree stumps and hollow areas of live trees. Fill cavities with a polymer.

Watercraft: Cover all watercraft when not in use as the inside of boats can collect water. Turn over canoes and kayaks when stored.

Wheelbarrows: Store wheelbarrows vertically or turned over to prevent water accumulation.

Mosquitoes need still water to lay their eggs, which develop in 7 to 10 days. If you can eliminate standing water weekly, you can keep many mosquitoes from breeding in the first place. PLEASE take care of your standing water now.

We are moving into mosquito season!

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