



GET RID OF STANDING WATER AROUND YOUR HOME

Prevent mosquitoes from breeding



Mosquitoes are more than an annoyance. They can spread disease. Mosquitoes need water to lay their eggs. Even very small amounts of water, in a space as small as a bottle cap, can serve as a breeding ground. Homeowners are required to remove all standing water from their property. Use this checklist to find and get rid of standing water around your home.

Potential Breeding Site	How to Fix
<input type="checkbox"/> Trash and garbage	Pick up all trash.
<input type="checkbox"/> Potted plants with saucers	Dump and clean saucers every three or four days. Do not overwater plants.
<input type="checkbox"/> Wading pools	Turn over wading pools when not in use.
<input type="checkbox"/> Bird baths	Clean and change bird bath water at least once a week.
<input type="checkbox"/> Flat roofs	Remove any standing water that collects on the roof.
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain gutters	Clean gutters in the spring and fall. Keep clear of debris and make sure water flows through.
<input type="checkbox"/> Air conditioner/HVAC runoff	Make sure runoff drains and does not collect beneath the unit.
<input type="checkbox"/> Pet dishes	Rinse twice a week.
<input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental ponds	Stock with fish, keep aerated or treat with Bti (<i>Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis</i> , e.g., Mosquito Dunks™).
<input type="checkbox"/> Tires	Remove unused tires from property.
<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn clippings and dead leaves	Store leaves and clippings in plastic bags instead of in piles. Do not rake leaves or clippings into street catch basins.
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pools, hot tubs and saunas	Clean and chlorinate pools. Drain, cover or treat with Bti if not in use.
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool covers	Drain any water that collects on pool covers.
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree holes and hollow trees	Fill holes with sand.
<input type="checkbox"/> Trash cans and recycling bins	Keep waste bins covered and drill holes in bottom to help them drain.
<input type="checkbox"/> Lawns	Do not overwater lawns. Level low points where water might pool.
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor plumbing	Check for and repair any leaks.
<input type="checkbox"/> Home improvement supplies such as paint cans, buckets and wooden boards	Cover with tarp or turn over home improvement supplies when not in use.
<input type="checkbox"/> Tarps	Make sure tarps do not collect water.
<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelbarrows and other gardening supplies	Store indoors or turn over when not in use.
<input type="checkbox"/> Boats, canoes or kayaks	Turn over when not in use and make sure water does not collect inside.
<input type="checkbox"/> Large containers that cannot be removed	Fill with sand.