



MOSQUITO PREVENTION, PROTECTION AND TREATMENT GUIDE

Always remember the 3 D's of protection from mosquitos

Even the smallest containers that can collect water can breed hundreds of thousands of mosquitos. They don't need much water to lay their eggs.

DRAIN

Many Mosquito problems in your neighborhood are likely to come from water filled containers that you, the resident, can help to eliminate.

All mosquitos require water in which to breed. Be sure to drain any standing water around your home.

- Dispose of any tires as they can breed thousands of mosquitos
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers
- Clear roof gutters of debris
- Clean pet water bowls regularly
- Repair leaky faucets
- Check & empty children's toys
- Change water in bird baths at least weekly
- Canoes & other boats should be turned over
- Avoid water collecting on pool covers
- Empty water collected in tarps around the yard or on woodpiles
- Plug tree holes
- Bottles, barrels, buckets, overturned garbage can lids, etc..

DRESS

Wear light-colored, loose fitting clothing. Studies have shown that some of the 174 mosquito species in the United States are more attracted to dark clothing and most can readily bite through tight - fitting clothing of loose weave. When practical, wear long sleeves and pants.

DEFEND

Choose a mosquito repellent that has been registered with the Environmental protection Agency. Registered products have been review, approved and pose minimal risk for human safety when used according to label directions. Four repellents that are approved and recommended are:

- Deet (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide)
- Picaridin (KBR 3023)
- Oil of Lemon eucalyptus (p-methane 3,8-dol, or PMDIR3535
- IR3535

We have identified several conditions that make your yard attractive to resting & breeding mosquitos. The following corrective measures around your home will help reduce the mosquito populations:

- Change water frequently in birdbaths, wading pools, and potted plant trays.
- Keep swimming pools properly treated & circulations. Dry out, properly fold & store pool covers
- Improve drainage & landscaping to eliminate collecting water.
- Frequently drain collecting water from flower posts and containers.
- Remove overgrown vegetation that is contributing to standing water.
- Other conducive conditions _____