



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