

Tips on Eliminating Mosquito Breeding Sites on Your Property

- ✂ The objective is to eliminate all sites where mosquitoes can breed. Remember, some species of mosquitoes can breed in as little as one-half inch of standing water,
- ✂ Some mosquitoes can hatch in as little as one week. Where water must be available – as for pets and other animals – it is necessary to change the water and flush out the container at least twice a week to disrupt the breeding cycle of mosquitoes.
- ✂ **The following is a check list of things you can do to reduce mosquito breeding grounds on your property:**
 - ✂ Clean out eaves, troughs, and gutters.
 - ✂ Remove old tires or drill holes in those used for playground equipment to allow them to drain.
 - ✂ Turn over or remove plastic pots.
 - ✂ Pick up broken, unused, or discarded toys.
 - ✂ Check tarps on boats or other equipment that may collect water in pockets or indentations.
 - ✂ Pump out bilges on boats.
 - ✂ Replace water in birdbaths at least twice a week.
 - ✂ Replace water in pet or other animal feeding dishes or troughs at least twice a week.
 - ✂ Dispose of broken or unused kiddie pools.
 - ✂ Pick up plastic wrappers used for food or other products; mosquitoes can breed even in a discarded potato chip bag that has collected water.
 - ✂ Don't leave garbage can lids lying around upside down.
 - ✂ Check plants, such as bromeliads, with large leaves that may collect water in axils, where the leaves join the stem. Eliminate the plant, keep it inside, or flush it with a spray of water or tip the plant over to empty stagnant water at least twice a week.
 - ✂ Check holes in trees or stumps that may collect water; remove stumps, plug holes with sand or cement, or flush out with a spray of water at least twice a week.
 - ✂ Change water in bottom of plant containers, including hanging plants, at least twice a week.
 - ✂ Remove vegetation or obstructions in drainage ditches that prevent the flow of water.
 - ✂ Fix dripping outdoor faucets that create pools of water.



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