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# Homeowner Checklist

# Mosquito Control

*Our Pest Control Treatments only address adult mosquitos. To keep the mosquito population under control, eliminate breeding grounds that may be in your own backyard!*

## **BIRDBATHS**

Clean or hose out weekly.

## **BOATS**

Empty water from boats, canoes, and cargo trailers.

## **CHAINLINK FENCES**

Water can collect in fence posts. Cap them.

## **CONTAINERS**

Cover or turn upside down so they won't hold water. This includes boxes, buckets, cans, cups, jars, and pots.

## **DRAINS**

Keep outdoor drains flowing freely. Cap or cover French drains during the dry season.

## **GARDEN FURNITURE AND ORNAMENTS**

Check for nooks and crannies that hold water, and drain or flush weekly.

## **LEAKS**

Fix leaky faucets, air conditioners and hoses.

## **LIGHTING**

Drain water from inside and off caps of garden lights.

## **MOSQUITO FISH**

These tiny eat mosquito larvae that have just hatched from eggs. Many vector control agencies will supply mosquito fish without charge to residents to put in ornamental ponds, unused swimming pools, ditches, sumps, water troughs, and similar sites.

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## **PET WATER BOWLS**

Change water twice a week.

## **PLAY SETS**

Drill drainage holes in tire swings and in playground equipment where water can collect.

## **POOLS/SPAS**

Sweep standing water off pool covers. Clean and chlorinate even when not in use. A pool left untended by a family on vacation for a month can produce enough mosquitoes to prompt neighborhood-wide complaints.

## **POTTED PLANTS**

Don't overwater. Drain saucers weekly with a turkey baster or flush with garden hose.

## **RAIN GUTTERS**

Keep clear of leaves and other debris.

## **RECYCLING BINS**

Drill drainage holes in bottom. (If drainage holes are in the sides, enough water can collect in the bottom for mosquitoes to breed in.) Before you put cans in the bin, cut off top and bottom and flatten. Invert glass jars. Crush soft drink bottles and cans.

## **SHRUBBERY**

Trim and thin shrubs and bushy plants. In the heat of the day, mosquitoes like to hide there.

## **TIRES**

Properly dispose of old tires – they are the most common mosquito breeding ground in the country. Drill drainage holes in tires used in retaining walls, landscaping, and swing sets.

## **TRASH**

Get rid of anything that can hold water, including cans, cups, foil, plastic and paper.

## **TRASH CANS AND TRASH BINS**

Keep covered. Remove water inside and underneath.

## **TREES**

Eliminate water from dead tree stumps and hollow areas of live trees. Fill cavities with sand or mortar.

## **UMBRELLAS AND BASKETBALL HOOPS**

If the base for your table umbrella or basketball hoop is filled with water, cap it tightly and seal with duct tape. Or you can fill it with sand instead.

## **WADING POOLS AND WHEELBARROWS**

Store vertically or turned over.

