

How to Control Mosquitoes on Your Property



Determine where the mosquitoes are coming from

- **Mosquitoes can fly several miles**, so eliminating breeding sites on your own property will not necessarily mean you will not have any mosquitoes.
- Mosquitoes need very **slow or stagnate water** to breed.
- **Female mosquitoes need a blood source** to get essential nutrients for egg laying. This can be pets, people, farm animals, or wildlife.
- After the female takes the blood meal, she needs a **safe place to rest** to digest it. This can be tall grasses and vegetation, or the walls to a structure like a shed, barn, or house.
- **Eliminating or reducing any of these factors can help reduce the number of mosquitoes on your property.**

Eliminate Breeding Areas

- **Remove or turn over any type of container which can hold water.** This can be dog bowls, low areas, watering troughs, buckets, gutters, pool covers or bird baths. Empty and clean these containers at least once a week if it is not possible to turn them over.
- **Crush and properly dispose of aluminum cans.**
- Cover any rain barrels, or water collection containers.
- **Drill a hole in discarded tires** to prevent water from collecting inside, and contact the Solid Waste District for proper disposal.
- If it is not possible to eliminate a water source, you can **treat it with mosquito dunks** which contain a bacteria that kills mosquitoes but are safe for pets, fish and other wildlife.

Limit Adult Mosquitoes

- **Install screens** on windows and doors to prevent mosquitoes from coming inside.
- **Wear long sleeves and pants** when outdoors, especially in the evening when most mosquitoes are active.
- **Use mosquito repellants** containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535 or lemon eucalyptus oil as the label recommends.
- **Clear tall grass** or other resting places for mosquitoes

