

# MOSQUITO CONTROL BEGINS AT HOME



Mosquitoes need water to breed and grow, and anything that holds water around your home will do. By removing standing water you can prevent the spread of mosquitoes and eliminate the threat of West Nile virus. Remove standing water and mosquitoes won't have a chance!

**Homeowners can reduce mosquito breeding by eliminating standing water in the following sources:**

Water in birdbaths and pet dishes should be changed every other day.

Leaves and twigs can clog gutters and drains. Make sure water is flowing freely.

Fill in low-lying areas in your yard that are collecting water.

Pool covers can collect water and should be emptied.

Wading pools, wheelbarrows and tires should be turned over when not in use.

Toys and other objects around the yard, such as barrels and buckets, should be placed in an area where they won't collect rainwater.

Drain standing water in flower pots.

Leaky faucets should be closed tightly.

Compost should be turned over frequently and areas of organic matter, which provide a food source for mosquito larvae, should be recycled as soon as possible.

Repair broken window screens and close attic vents to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

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