



# CONTROLLING MOSQUITOES AROUND YOUR HOME



Make sure you have tight fitting screens, in good repair, on all doors and windows.

Eliminate as many sources of standing water as possible:

- Discard old tires, buckets, drums, bottles or other water-holding containers.
- Drill holes in the bottom of tire swings to allow rain water to drain out.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outside.
- Clean roof gutters often to prevent clogging.
- Clean out and empty bird baths weekly. Change the water at least weekly.
- Clean food and water bowls left outside for pets daily.
- Turn over tools and toys, such as wheelbarrows and plastic wading pools, which can hold stagnant water when not in use.
- Make certain potted plants that are kept out of doors are draining properly and do not hold standing water.
- Keep backyard swimming pools clean and chlorinated. Arrange with a neighbor or friend to maintain your pool if you are away from home for an extended period of time.
- Fill in any low lying areas in your yard where standing water collects.
- Aerate ornamental pools to prevent stagnation.
- Populate ornamental pools with surface feeding minnows (goldfish offer hardly any benefit).
- Mow your lawn regularly.
- Cut weeds growing next to building foundations and fence lines.



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