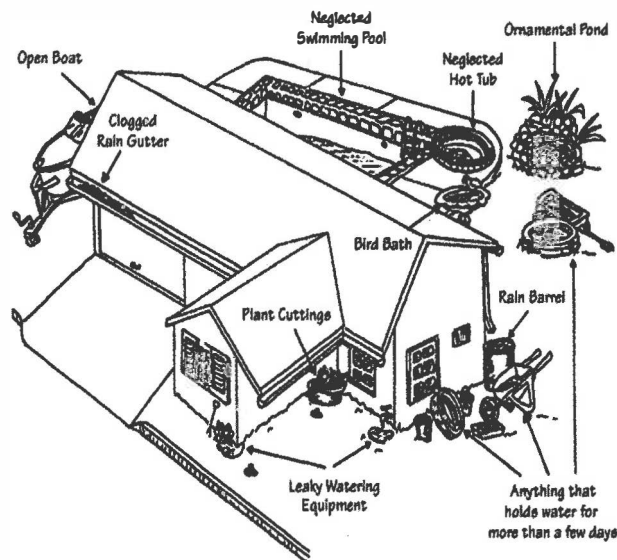


Know the Facts

- Mosquitoes need stagnant water to develop. Even a few inches of water can serve as a breeding source.
- Mosquitoes are attracted to carbon dioxide (breath) and body heat.
- Only female mosquitoes bite.
- Mosquitoes can feed/bite during the day and night time but are most active at dawn and dusk.
- A mosquito usually undergoes a life cycle in 14 days but depending on the environment, it can be as little as 4 days and as long as 1 month.
- Mosquito larvae look like small worms wiggling in the water

How to Avoid Getting Bit

- Eliminate standing water
- Avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk
- Use mosquito repellent, such as DEET
- Wear long sleeves at night in backyard
- Screen all windows & doors
- Seal gaps below doors
- Self-treat fixed water sources, such as ponds, with approved products or mosquito fish
- Limit water run-off into street catch basins/storm drains that can promote mosquito breeding
- Report dead birds for West Nile Virus testing. Reports can be made between mid-April to mid-October at 1-877-968-2473



Examples of Mosquito Sources:

- plugged roof gutters
- flooded crawl spaces
- tires
- poorly maintained pools and spas
- bird baths
- catch basins
- pet water dishes
- landscape lighting
- wheelbarrows
- uncovered boats
- flooded light wells and basements
- uncapped metal fence posts
- leaky swamp coolers
- uncovered dumpsters
- hollowed out areas in trees
- ornamental ponds
- plant pots and saucers
- lawn sculptures or ornaments
- uncovered trash cans
- tarps holding water
- miscellaneous containers
- sources in dense



**YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN
THIS PAMPHLET
BECAUSE:**

- EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL & AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
- MOSQUITOES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
- WE WISH TO PLACE MOSQUITO TRAPS IN YOUR BACKYARD FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEILLANCE
- YOU HAVE STANDING WATER IN YOUR BACKYARD
- OTHER: _____



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