

WHAT HOMEOWNERS CAN DO TO CONTROL MOSQUITOES



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Some mosquitoes spread viruses like West Nile that make people sick. Some mosquitoes are nuisance mosquitoes that bite people but do not spread viruses. Everyone can play a role in controlling mosquitoes.

Learn about what you can do to make a difference at home.



Homeowners can control mosquitoes outside their home by removing standing water where mosquitoes lay eggs.

Once a week, remove or overturn any items that hold water like tires, buckets, planters, toys, birdbaths, flowerpot saucers, pet water bowls, or trash containers.



Make sure to unclog your gutters. The collection of leaves and water provide attractive habitats for mosquito larvae.

Remove water from pool covers. If pools are not covered, make sure the water is clean so it is not attractive to mosquitoes.



Tightly cover water storage containers (e.g., buckets and rain barrels) so mosquitoes cannot get inside to lay eggs.

For containers without lids, or to collect rain water, cover the container with wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.



Natural depressions in your yard can hold water. They will not be a problem if the water disappears within 4 to 5 days.

Fill problematic depressions in your yard and tree holes to prevent water collection. If larger wet areas exist on your property, bring them to the attention of the Mosquito Control Division at 201-634-2880.



Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
County of Bergen Department of Public Works,
Mosquito Control Division

