

Checklist for Mosquito Breeding Around the Home

Potential Breeding Site	How to Correct
Any container capable of holding water	Turn over, throw away, drill holes or empty weekly
Bird Baths	Dump or flush weekly
Pet Dishes	Rinse weekly
Children's toys	Store inside or turn them so water cannot collect
Potted plants with saucers	Flush or empty saucers weekly
Rain gutters	Keep clean so water runs freely
Tarps/plastic covers	Drain water trapped in folds and arrange so water drains off
Garbage cans/lids - recycle bins	Drill holes in bottom of cans and bins and make sure lids stay on cans or are turned over.
Watering cans, buckets	Store inside or turn upside down
Rain barrels	Cover with screening
Ornamental ponds without fish	Aerate/filter water, apply larvicide or stock with fish (fish will eat the mosquito larvae)
Tires	Properly dispose of old tires or fill with sand to prevent the collection of water.
Tire Swings	Drill holes to allow water to drain
Boats/Canoes/Kayaks	Pump out bilges. Turn over small boats, canoes and kayaks.
Leaky Plumbing	Examine all exterior plumbing and repair any leaks (particularly exterior faucets)
Air conditioner run-off	Make sure A/C run-off can adequately drain and not puddle.
Wheelbarrows	Turn over when not in use or store inside
Children's wading pools	Turn over kiddie pools when not in use. Drill holes in lip if water collects when overturned.
Swimming pools (unused or abandoned)	Larvicide with mosquito dunks according to label (there is no breeding in maintained pools)
Swimming pool covers	Make sure pool is drained
Flat roofs	Check for puddling water
Under decks and raised homes	Fill in depressions and make sure any ground-covering plastic is not holding water
Voids under slabs or cracked slabs	Seal openings with sand or concrete
Pipes for plumbing and elbowed fittings	Keep spare pipes and fittings covered, or arrange pipes and fittings so they will not hold water
Drainage ditches and culverts	Make sure ditches and culverts are cleaned of all debris so water can flow freely
Corrugated pipe on gutter downspout	Replace with smooth pipe (mosquitoes will breed in the grooves)
Base of portable basketball goals/umbrellas	Fill with sand instead of water, or if water is used, make sure cap is screwed on
Grills	Make sure cover is on and vents are closed
Plants (bromeliad, elephant ears, etc.)	Water collects in the plant axils and breeds mosquitoes. Flush plants weekly
French drains/other outside drains	Make sure water flows smoothly. Apply larvicide if water stand in bottom of drain
Bamboo	Cut bamboo stumps all the way to the ground so they can't hold water
Open fence posts	Make sure plastic and chain link fence posts are capped
Plastic sheets for weed control	Use a landscape fabric instead of plastic so water can flow through
Low areas in landscape	Fill and regrade or plant
Individual sewer treatment systems	Make sure that the outflow is not pooling up
Tree holes/hollow trees/stumps	Fill cavities with sand, or flush weekly
Lawn ornaments	Check for areas that hold water and drain or flush weekly
Home Irrigation	Over-watering can lead to standing water in the landscape and containers
Yard debris (clippings and dead leaves)	Don't rake or blow lawn debris into storm drains, so that water can flow freely
Trash and garbage	Make sure all trash is picked up (mosquitoes will breed in items as small as soda caps.