



Have a **BITE Free** Yard

Everyone wants to enjoy the outdoors, but it's no fun when you're pestered by biting mosquitoes, some of which can carry disease. Here are easy steps to help reduce conditions in your yard that breed these pests.

Mosquitoes lay eggs in still, standing water. The eggs hatch into larvae, which turn into adults. The process from egg to adult might take only seven days! It's important to tip over items that collect water and prevent standing water from accumulating around your yard.



Empty water regularly from:

- ⇒ Buckets, pails and water cans
- ⇒ Planter saucers and flower pots
- ⇒ Candles and candle holders
- ⇒ Pet dishes
- ⇒ Children's toys
- ⇒ Ashtrays

Store indoors when not in use & change water in items such as:

- ⇒ Bird baths
- ⇒ Fountains
- ⇒ Wading ponds

Get rid of:

- ⇒ Old items
- ⇒ Unused and broken toys
- ⇒ Trash items

Turn over large items that collect water or store indoors:

- ⇒ Kiddie pools
- ⇒ Canoes
- ⇒ Wheel Barrows & Garden carts
- ⇒ Wagons

Tighten sagging tarps to prevent water from collecting in folds &

low areas. Tarps may cover:

- ⇒ Woodpiles
- ⇒ Boars
- ⇒ Jet skis
- ⇒ Pools
- ⇒ Patio Furniture
- ⇒ Outdoor grills

Prevent water from collecting by:

- ⇒ Clearing gardens of debris and leaves
- ⇒ Angling downspouts downward, away from the house
- ⇒ Not using corrugated plastic tubing for downspouts. The grooves hold enough water to breed mosquitoes.
- ⇒ Fixing leaky outdoor faucets
- ⇒ Eliminating puddles from air conditioning unit condensation
- ⇒ Making sure rain barrels have tight fitting lids
- ⇒ Keeping lids on trash cans

Engage in best practices like:

- ⇒ Maintaining your swimming pool with proper chlorine and water circulation

- ⇒ Not overwatering your landscaping. Heavy mulch watered to saturation in damp, dark areas is an ideal spot for mosquito breeding
- ⇒ Aerating ornamental ponds or stocking them with fish that eat mosquito larvae
- ⇒ Re-grading low areas to prevent water from collecting on your property. For example, filling tire ruts near driveways and roads with gravel.

Hire a Professional:

- ⇒ Always hire a pest management professional to provide additional pest management techniques and applications to keep mosquitoes from yards.

