

Mosquito Control Tips

The Department of Health responds to Property Maintenance Code concerns, which are limited to the following:



- Collection of stagnant water on residential swimming pool covers due to improper maintenance during the winter season
- Stagnant or noncirculated water in residential swimming pools or ponds due to improper maintenance
- Collection of trash or debris on a property
- Storage of usable materials on a property
- Collection of rainwater on a property due to improper design or drainage of drains, gutters, downspouts and sump pumps

What measures can a homeowner take to reduce the number of mosquitoes in a community?

The most important thing a homeowner or community can do to reduce the number of mosquitoes in a given area is to eliminate potential breeding sites for mosquitoes and mosquito larvae. Many homeowners have installed ornamental ponds in their yards. It is important to keep these ponds populated with fish. These ponds are breeding grounds for mosquitoes, and the fish will control the population. Alternatively, placing larvicide dunks or circulating the pond is necessary.

Homeowners are encouraged to inspect their property and eliminate any outdoor containers capable of holding water, such as:

- Birdbaths*
- Boats
- Bottles or cans
- Buckets or gallon containers
- Clogged or poorly drained gutters
- Corrugated piping
- Flower or garden pots*
- Uncirculated ponds and swimming/kiddy pools
- Plastic bags
- Rain barrels
- Tarps
- Tires
- Trash can with or without lids
- Wheelbarrows

*Water should be replaced every three days.



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