



How Homeowners can Help with Mosquito Control



Prevent Mosquitoes From Breeding in Your Yard

Understanding what happens to rain water as it collects in man-made containers is crucial to controlling mosquitoes. In general, if water is allowed to sit in stagnant pools for longer than 5 days, mosquitoes can develop. To prevent mosquitoes from breeding, all containers including buckets, rain barrels, bird baths, flower pots, toys, scrap tires, wheelbarrows, and large swimming pools should be properly maintained and monitored. Water in bird baths, pet dishes, and wading pools should be changed on a weekly basis. Swimming pools should be properly chlorinated and covered when not in use.

More You Can Do...

Rain barrels should be tightly covered with screen to prevent adult mosquitoes from laying eggs on the surface. Gutters and downspouts should be cleaned on a regular basis and scrap tires should be recycled. Containers with the potential to collect water should be stored inside, or if left outside, should either be tightly covered or turned upside down to prevent water from collecting.

BCMC has 1-2 scrap tire drives each summer so homeowners can bring in up to 10 rimless car or truck tires free of cost. This is a good way to clean up the environment and get rid of a mosquito habitat at the same time.

Contact BCMC on ways to get started reducing mosquitoes.



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