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Article: Preventing Mosquitoes Around the Home – Short

Do Your Part from the Start!—Prevent and Protect Against Mosquitoes

Control mosquitoes in your yard:

- **Eliminate standing water.** Check your yard weekly for containers that are holding water.
- **Treat standing water with a larvicide* if it cannot be eliminated.**
- **If mosquitoes are biting, you may want to spray your yard with an insecticide***, particularly the places where mosquitoes like to hide, such as bushy green plants, ivy, other ground-covering plants and bamboo.
- **Organize a neighborhood clean-up.**

Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites:

- **Wear insect repellent* containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535.**
- **Wear loose-fitting, light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and pants.**
- **Keep doors and windows closed and make sure screens are in good repair.**

****Use EPA-registered insecticides, larvicides and repellents Follow label instructions.***

For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite>, call 703-246-8931 or email fightthebite@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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