

# FIGHT THE BITE!

# TIP & TOSS



Mosquitoes that carry viruses like West Nile and Zika can breed in containers.



# Remove mosquito breeding sites by clearing your yard of standing water.

Mosquitoes can breed in a container as small as a bottle-cap. The most effective way to control mosquitoes in your yard is to eliminate standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs.

Anything that collects and holds water for at least a week can be a potential breeding site. [Check the following weekly:](#)

- Black corrugated pipes for downspout drainage
- Buckets, watering cans, bottle caps or any trash that can hold water
- Discarded tires
- Bird baths and pet water bowls
- Potted plants with saucers
- Children's toys
- Tarps on woodpiles and garden equipment
- Grill and patio furniture covers
- Wheelbarrows
- Containers under decks and porches
- Garbage cans, recycle bins and other barrels
- Boats and boat covers

[Tip and toss containers in your yard that hold standing water.](#) Turn over, discard or place containers indoors.

[Check your roof gutters once a month to clean out leaves and debris and ensure water is flowing freely.](#)

[If you cannot dump water from a container, such as an ornamental pond, treat it with a larvicide like \*Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis\* \(follow label instructions\).](#)



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