

# Fight the Bite!



## Home Checklist for Mosquito Breeding Sites

√	<b>Follow this simple checklist to prevent mosquito breeding around your property:</b>
	Rain gutters free of debris, unclogged, no standing water
	Bird baths emptied and water replaced twice a week
	Tires properly stored, removed or have drainage holes drilled/not holding water
	Corrugated drain pipes covered with mesh/netting
	Children's toys and pools stored indoors, turn upside down or emptied twice a week
	Swimming pool operating properly
	Potted plants dishes (clay or plastic) emptied twice week or turned over
	Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc.
	Remove pet food and water dishes that are not being used
	Flush livestock water troughs twice a week
	Recycling bins/garbage cans covered to have unblocked drain holes/not holding water
	Wheelbarrows turned over when stored outside
	Rain barrels tightly covered or have screening small enough to keep out mosquitoes
	Buckets stored inside, turned upside down, or covered
	Boats, kayaks, jet skis properly covered and free of standing water; pump out bilges in boats
	Old appliances (washers/dryers etc.) and vehicles free of standing water
	Air conditioner drainage area free of standing water
	Water meter free of standing water
	Septic tank in good repair (no cracks, vent pipes covered with mesh)
	Check ornamental fish pond/fountain circulating and free of standing water
	Dispose of items that can hold water (cans, bottles, bottle caps, trash, etc.)
	Windows/porch screens in good repair; fix dripping outside water faucets
	Yard properly drain after a rain event (no standing water after three - five days)
	Report to the Mosquito Control Office if ditches do not flow and contain stagnant water for one week or longer as they can produce large number of mosquitos

### Questions about Mosquito Control?

**Contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA)  
Mosquito Control Office for the Eastern Shore 410-543-6626**