



POTENTIAL MOSQUITO SOURCES IN YOUR HOME

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COMMON HOUSEHOLD ITEMS			COMMON HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buckets, watering cans, drinking glasses, cups, bottle caps, or trash that can hold water Store inside or turn over. If trash, throw away.	<input type="checkbox"/> Potted Plant Saucers Empty saucers or flush out with garden hose once a week. Remove saucers from under plants. Place fine aquarium gravel in saucers.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Tires Dispose of at your local recycling facility. If used for playground equipment, drill holes for water to run. If on ground, ensure holes are not blocked by debris.	<input type="checkbox"/> Garbage Cans, Barrels, Recycling Bins Keep cans covered with lid or drill holes in bottom.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tarps, Plastic Covers, Flexible Sandbox Covers Drain water trapped in folds and arrange so water runs off.	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain Barrels Cover rain barrel with insect screen and tightly secure. Install small pieces of screen over any other holes such as overflow valves or connection points, and secure. Try to use collected water first and empty barrels completely between rain events.
BUILDING & STRUCTURES			BUILDING & STRUCTURES
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drainage Ditch, Culvert, or Low Areas Clogged by Grass or Weed Clippings Remove grass and weed clippings so water can flow and/or drain freely.	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Playground Equipment Remove and dispose of. If it must be stored, put under cover. Be sure water drains off.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gutters, including "Covered" Types Clean so water runs freely.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sump Pumps Cover with screening.
			<input type="checkbox"/> Under Decks and Porches: Stored Items, Depressions in Dirt or Plastic Ground Linings Fill in depressions. Remove or turn over any stored items that hold water.
BACKYARD/GARDEN			BACKYARD/GARDEN
BACKYARD/GARDEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	Base of Patio Umbrella and Portable Basketball Stand Fill with sand or, if filled with water, be sure to screw on plug. Keep water out of depressions in stand.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental Ponds and Fountains Filter water or apply larvicide to prevent breeding.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bird Baths Dump out once a week or flush out with garden hose.	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Grills Keep covered. Ensure the vent is closed.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bromeliads (Plants that Hold Water) Turn plant over to dump water. For plants too large, flush out cavities with garden hose once a week. Discard or remove from landscaping if possible.	<input type="checkbox"/> Plastic in Gardens to Prevent Weeds Use landscape cloth that will allow water to pass through instead of plastic sheets that hold water.
			<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelbarrow Stored Outside Store upside down when not in use.



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CHILDREN'S TOYS	<input type="checkbox"/> Portable Basketball Hoops Ensure caps for fill holes are in place; replace if lost. <input type="checkbox"/> Kiddie Pools Empty of change water in kiddie pools every 5-7 days. Store indoors or turn over when not in use. <input type="checkbox"/> Sand Boxes Drill small drainage holes on the bottom of the sand box.	<input type="checkbox"/> Toys, Wagons, Etc. Keep toys turned over or inside when not in use. If water can get inside the plastic toy, so can a mosquito -- drill drainage holes in the bottom. <input type="checkbox"/> Deflated Toys Drain off water, dry out, and store indoors when not in use.	CHILDREN'S TOYS
RECREATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Boats, Canoes Pump out bilges. Turn over canoes and small boats. If not possible to turn over, dump out after each rain. <input type="checkbox"/> Jet Skis Rinse out the foot depressions with a hose. <input type="checkbox"/> Pool Pumps and Drains Check weekly to ensure water is draining from area. <input type="checkbox"/> Old Playground Equipment Remove and dispose of. If it must be stored, put under cover. Be sure water drains off.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pools, Spas, Unmaintained Swimming Pools Turn over kiddie pools when not in use. Contact the District when swimming pools and spas are in non-operational condition. If draining, wet/dry vacuum to remove water. <input type="checkbox"/> Sump Pumps Cover with screening. <input type="checkbox"/> Under Decks and Porches: Stored Items, Depressions in Dirt or Plastic Ground Linings Fill in depressions. Remove or turn over any stored items that hold water.	RECREATION
INSIDE THE HOME	<input type="checkbox"/> Flower Vase with Floral Arrangements Replace water every few days. Scrub interior of vase to eliminate mosquito eggs. <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Items such as Tree Stands Replace water at least once a week and scrub thoroughly before storage. <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Water Bowls Rinse out once a week. <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Bowl Brush Holder Drain water in the container frequently. <input type="checkbox"/> Under Kitchen Sink Keep space beneath sink clear and free of damp.	<input type="checkbox"/> Potted Plants with Saucers Empty saucers once a week. Remove saucers from under plants. <input type="checkbox"/> Small, Decorative Fountains or Water Features Maintain in operational condition or drain entirely. <input type="checkbox"/> Standing Water in Disconnected Pipes Exposed During Home Renovations Temporarily seal disconnected pipes until plumbing system is in working order. <input type="checkbox"/> Stagnant Toilet Water Flush water in extra toilet frequently.	INSIDE THE HOME