



REDUCE MOSQUITO BREEDING SITES IN YOUR YARD AND MORE

Severe cases of mosquito diseases, such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus, are extremely rare in Massachusetts, let's help keep it that way through home source reduction and personal protection.

Mosquitoes breed in standing water even if only 1/2 inch deep. Small containers can breed thousands of mosquitoes in as little as 4 days. Removing standing water is crucial. Ask your neighbors to remove standing water also.



- **ANIMAL TROUGHS** – Clean and Refill Daily.
(HORSES: SEE YOUR VET FOR THE EEE VACCINATION OR BUY AT YOUR FARM SUPPLY STORE OR ONLINE.)
- **RAIN BARRELS** – Cover Top with Tight Screen; Add BTI Mosquito Dunks if necessary.
- **CLOGGED GUTTERS** – Clean Out Leaf Litter and Keep Water Flowing.
- **BIRD BATHS** – Clean and Refill 2-3 Times Each Week.



- **TARPS** – Cover Boats Tightly and Remove Standing Water on Any Tarp or Pool Cover.
- **TOYS, BUCKETS, ETC.** – Anything That Will Hold Water, Turn Upside Down or Bring Inside.
- **KIDS' POOL** – Refill 2-3 Times Weekly and Don't Let Water Sit in Pool Cavities When Flipped Over.
- **FLOWER POT TRAYS** – Add Holes for Drainage or Dump Water After a Rain.

OTHER AREAS TO PREVENT MOSQUITO BREEDING

- **HOT TUBS/POOLS** – If Not Covered, Operate Filters and Run Pump Every Few Hours to Avoid Stagnant Water.
- **GARBAGE CAN LIDS** – Remove Water.
- **WATER GARDENS** – Add a Solar Fountain or Water Fall to Keep Water Moving. Add Fish to Eat the Larvae or if Necessary, Add Mosquito Dunks with BTI.
- **TRASH** – Clean-Up Roadside Garbage, Such as Bottles, Cans, or Old Tires.
- **STORM DRAINS** – If You Suspect Mosquito Breeding or Standing Water by The Road, Contact the BOH or Highway Dept.

**BE SURE TO REPAIR
ALL HOLES IN
SCREENS.**



**SPONSORED BY THE
MENDON BOARD OF HEALTH**