



It's that time
of year.

FIGHT THE BITE



Block

- Use insect repellent.
- Check window and door screens for rips.
- Wear long-sleeves and pants.



Inspect for Areas of Standing Water

Check outdoor areas around your home, apartment or balcony for standing water.



Take Action

Follow the checklist on the back for actions you can take to prevent mosquito breeding.



Educate Yourself and Your Family

Learn more about mosquitoes at:

montgomerycountymd.gov/mosquito, or call 311.



Checklist to Reduce Mosquito Breeding on Your Property

Mosquito species that have the potential to spread the Zika Virus prefer to breed in small amounts of standing water near where people live and work. They typically do not breed in natural areas like streams and ponds.

- Empty out water from children's toys and plastic containers**
If possible, bring indoors. Cover large toys and sand boxes with tightly-fitting tarps, or drain weekly.
- Remove trash from yard**
As little as a bottle cap full of water is enough for mosquitoes to breed.
- Clean out roof gutters and down-spout screens**
If possible, replace corrugated down-spouts with smooth PVC.
- Store recycling bins out of the rain. Dump out any water at least weekly.**
Even though bins have drain holes, small amounts of water may still collect.
- Add an aerator or fountain to birdbaths or ornamental ponds**
Mosquitoes do not breed in moving water.
- Tighten tarps and pool covers to minimize folds**
If water still collects, shake out the tarp at least weekly.
- Fix outdoor leaks and dripping faucets**
Get rid of puddles from window air conditioners.
- Dump and scrub saucers under potted plants, and flush birdbaths at least once a week**

Where to Check:

- Front yard
- Back yard
- Deck
- Roof and gutters (follow safety precautions)
- Along edge of the property
- Balconies (apartments too!)

Note: Mosquito species of concern typically do not fly more than 150 yards from where they breed.

Did you know...

Asian Tiger Mosquitoes attach eggs to the sides of containers?

If the water in the container dries up, the eggs stay dormant until the next rainstorm. So it is not enough to dump standing water– you need to scrub out the container too!

It is important that we all do our part to eliminate mosquito breeding areas.