

TIPS ON PREVENTING MOSQUITOES AROUND THE HOUSE

A number of types of sources found within residential neighborhoods are capable of producing enough adult mosquitoes to bother not only the residents of one home, but also a number of homes in the area. Water left standing for seven to ten, days can produce *Culex pipiens* mosquitoes (also called the house mosquito) during warmer weather. These mosquitoes are capable of transmitting West Nile Virus. There are a number of simple precautions that can be taken to prevent this from happening.

TYPE OF SOURCE	WHAT TO DO
Leaking faucets and broken pipes:	Repair or replace defective parts immediately.
Water under buildings:	Install sump pump and provide drainage if possible.
Roof gutters:	Maintain roof gutters and downspouts clear of debris.
Septic tanks:	Seal and cover all openings, screen vents.
Impounded water:	Fill in if possible or provide adequate drainage.
Flowerpots:	Drain off excess water or invert if not in use.
Swimming pools:	Use filter and skimmer daily to remove egg rafts and larvae. Chlorine will not kill mosquito larvae. Provide drainage for filter and pump sumps. When not in use cover tightly.
Wading pools:	Change water weekly. When not in use turn upside down.
Swimming pool covers:	Tighten cover to prevent sagging.
Ornamental Ponds:	Stock with mosquitofish and remove excess vegetation. This pond occasionally. Maintain even water level. Screen inlet of recirculation pump. When cleaning pond, transfer fish to glass bowl with pond Chlorine kills fish. If pond is no longer desired, make holes in bottom and fill with dirt or sand.
Bird baths:	Change water frequently.
Lawns:	Avoid overwatering.
Tree holes:	Fill with sand or dirt; drain if possible-when in doubt call a tree surgeon.
Water Troughs:	Change water weekly or stock with mosquitofish.
Boats:	Use a watertight cover or store upside down.
Containers:	Dispose of all unused containers that can collect rain or irrigation water such as: tin cans, jars, barrels, buckets, old tires and tubs. Gardening containers such as vases and buckets should be stored upside down.

