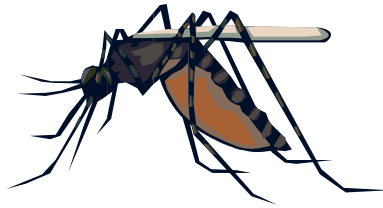


16 TIPS TO DEALING WITH MOSQUITOES



In addition to the City spraying for mosquitoes, here are things you can do to reduce a mosquito problem:

- Discard old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles, or any water holding containers.
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in yard.
- Keep drains, ditches and culverts clean of trash so water will drain properly.
- Cover trash containers to keep out the rainwater.
- Repair leaking pipes and outside faucets.
- Drain unused swimming pools and keep dry during the mosquito season.
- Store boats covered or upside down, or remove rainwater weekly.
- Empty plastic wading pool at least once a week and store it indoors when not in use.
- Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation.
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete.
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip tray at least once each week.
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not congregate there.
- Repair window screens.
- Use proper type of lighting outside; incandescent lights attract mosquitoes, while florescent lights neither attract nor repel them; yellow “bug lights” are also recommended outdoors.
- Use electric fan at outdoor events as mosquitoes are repelled by high winds.
- Use personal protection measures to prevent mosquito bites (proper use of insect repellent and appropriate clothing); be aware that when in “mass gatherings,” the carbon dioxide given off by the crowd attracts more mosquitoes from a greater distance.