

Mosquito Bite Prevention:

A Checklist to Protect Your Home

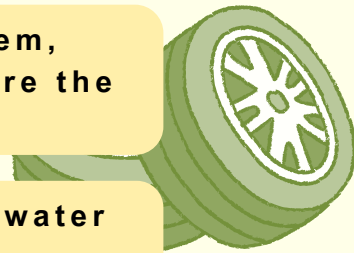
Mosquitoes need standing water to breed. Follow these steps to get rid of mosquito habitat around your yard.

Empty and remove man-made containers that hold water around your yard.

- . Buckets
- . Children's toys
- . Cans, bottles, jars
- . Other containers
- . Unused garbage cans and lids

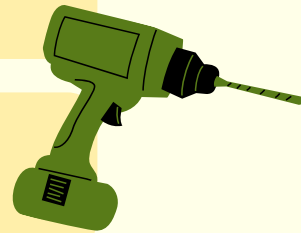


Remove all old tires from the yard. If you can't remove them, drill holes in them so they do not hold water. Used tires are the most common mosquito breeding site in Maine.



For containers designed to hold water, empty and change water at least once a week.

- . Pet water bowls
- . Bird baths



Drill holes in the bottom of containers used outside, like:

- . Flower pots
- . Garbage cans and recycling containers

Turn over wheelbarrows and children's pools when not in use.



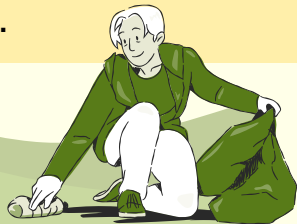
Clean gutters regularly and make sure they drain properly.

Clean swimming pools, outdoor saunas, and hot tubs. Chlorinate them following label directions. If not in use, empty them and keep them covered. Do not let covers collect standing water.



Aerate ornamental ponds or stock them with native fish. If they are stagnant, these can produce huge numbers of mosquitoes.

Talk with your neighbors about getting rid of standing water on their property.



Learn more about protecting your home from mosquitoes at:
www.maine.gov/dhhs/vectorborne