

Controlling Mosquitoes at Home

Control mosquitoes outside your home

Remove standing water where mosquitoes could lay eggs

- Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out any items that hold water like tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpot saucers, or trash containers. Mosquitoes lay eggs near water.
- Tightly cover water storage containers (buckets, cisterns, rain barrels) so that mosquitoes cannot get inside to lay eggs.
- For containers without lids, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.
- If you have a septic tank, repair cracks or gaps. Cover open vent or plumbing pipes. Use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.



Control mosquitoes inside your home



Keep mosquitoes out

- Install or repair and use window and door screens.
- Do not leave doors propped open.
- Use air conditioning when possible.
- Remove standing water where mosquitoes could lay eggs
- Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out any items that hold water like vases and flowerpot saucers.

Mosquitoes lay eggs near water.

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