

# Mosquito Prevention Checklist

If standing water is removed weekly, mosquitoes will not have a chance to breed. Timely prevention leads to less mosquitoes around the home and reduces or eliminates the need for pesticides. The checklists below include property maintenance and personal safety tips against West Nile Virus.

## ✓ Check your home for breeding sources

- Birdbaths:** Clean weekly
- Chain link fence:** Cap uncapped fence pipes
- Containers:** Cover or turn upside down
- Decorative ponds:** Stock with mosquito eating fish that eat larvae
- Drains:** Keep outdoor drains flowing freely
- Dumpsters:** Keep covered and remove any water inside or underneath them
- Faucets and hoses:** Fix any leaks
- Flat roofs:** Inspect for puddles after it rains
- Irrigation:** Do not overwater, and repair areas with standing water
- Lawn ornaments:** Check for areas that hold water
- Machinery:** Cover and clean any areas that may hold water
- Playground:** Drill drainage holes in tire swings and play ground equipment that holds water
- Pools/spas:** Drain, cover, or stock mosquito fish in unused pools and spas
- Potted Plants:** Do not overwater and empty saucers weekly
- Raingutters:** Clean out debris so water flows freely
- Tires:** Dispose or drill holes for water drainage
- Tool sheds:** Eliminate water around foundation
- Trash cans:** Clean weekly and keep covered
- Unused pipes:** Store flat so no water collects
- Water troughs for animals:** Replace water weekly, stock with mosquito fish for larger animal troughs
- Wheelbarrows:** Store upright so water does not collect

## ✓ Protect yourself from mosquitoes

- Clothing:** Wear long sleeved shirts and long pants when around active mosquito areas
- Dawn/Dusk:** Avoid going outdoors if possible because mosquitoes are most active during this time of day
- DEET:** Apply insect repellent to exposed skin when mosquitoes are active
- Screens:** Install or repair tight-fitting window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside
- Shrubs:** Trim and thin shrubs and bushy plants where mosquitoes tend to hide
- Dead birds:** Report dead birds within 24 hours to (888) 551-INFO (4636)
- BTI:** A natural bacteria that kills mosquito and fly larvae, but will not hurt animals. It can be put into standing water to prevent development of larvae. Available in hardware and garden stores.



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