

Common Residential Mosquito Sources

Use this home and garden checklist to help make sure your activities around your home safer and more enjoyable

- Trash Bins:** Keep lids shut tightly and remove water that accumulates inside. Drill several holes in the bottoms. Don't allow lid to collect water.
- Boats:** Check and remove water weekly from boat covers.
- Fountains and Bird Baths:** Clean or hose out weekly.
- Rain Gutters:** Keep clear of leaves and other debris.
- Potted Plant Saucers:** Don't over water. Empty saucers regularly or drill holes in the bottom to allow drainage.
- Tires:** Recycle used tires or store in a covered area. Drill holes in tire swings.
- Water Bowls for Pets:** Rinse and fill with fresh water 1 to 2 times a week.
- Water Troughs:** Stock with free mosquito fish from District.
- Leaky Hoses:** Replace damaged hoses and repair leaky facets and pipes.
- Low Areas:** Do not over water lawns or gardens. Pay close attention to persistent puddling.
- Swimming pool and Spa:** Keep filter and pump maintained and running. Monitor and maintain even when not in use. Remove standing water from bottom of empty pools and/or covers. report neglected pools and spas to the District.
- Ponds:** Stock ornamental ponds with free mosquito fish from the District. Keep ponds clean and free of excess vegetation.
- Containers:** Store containers upside down, cover or place in a sheltered area.
- Flat Roofs:** Water may puddle on flat roofs during the rainy season. Inspect weekly and remove any standing water.
- Rain Barrels:** Cover tightly with a fine mesh screen
- Chain Link Fence:** Cover hollow chain link fence posts with caps.
- Drains:** Make sure that drains are not clogged by debris and flow freely
- Lighting:** Check garden lights and eliminate water from tops of fixtures and from inside floodlights.
- Sculptures:** Check for water that may collect in lawn ornaments. Drain or flush out weekly.
- Screens:** Install and maintain tight fitting window and door screens
- Water Under Home:** Use a sump pump to remove any standing water.
- Wheelbarrows:** Remove water that collects inside or store upside down.
- Tree Holes:** Be aware that water can collection tree holes, crotches sand dead tree stumps. check with an arborist for best way to manage water or fill cavities.
- Septic Tanks:** Screen vent pipes with a fine mesh screen. Cover exposed tanks or manhole lids with plastic and secure in place. Place several inches or more of dirt or sand over the top of the area.



For more tips follow us on Facebook and Twitter:



@SGVMosquito
#SGVMosquito

www.SGVMosquito.org
(626) 814-9466