

How Can You Assist?

Mosquitoes breed in STANDING WATER.

You can help eliminate breeding in your backyard:

- Dispose of all containers which hold water.
- Keep ornamental ponds stocked with mosquito-eating fish, eg goldfish.
- Empty pot plant drip trays once a week or fill with sand.
- Empty and clean animal and pet drinking water once a week.
- Keep swimming pools well chlorinated and filtered and free of dead leaves.
- Fill or drain depressions in the ground that hold water.
- Prevent leaking taps which can maintain semi-permanent pools.
- Avoid over watering lawns. This can lead to high water tables or run off to storm water drains and create permanent pools.
- Vent pipes on septic tank systems must be fitted with mosquito proof cowls. Seal all gaps in the lid, and ensure leach drains are completely covered.
- Screen rainwater tanks and/or add paraffin oil to cover surface.
- Ensure roof guttering does not hold water.
- Some plants (especially bromeliads) hold water in their leaf axils. These should be emptied of water once a week.