

Reduce mosquito population by eliminating standing water

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The best way to prevent mosquito bites and mosquito-borne diseases is to get rid of mosquito breeding habitats. At the height of mosquito season, the Calvert County Department of General Services Mosquito Control Program is again asking residents to assist in the control of mosquitoes by inspecting their properties for standing water. Any area or container that holds water for a week or more has the potential to produce hundreds, or even thousands, of mosquitoes.

The county Mosquito Control Program team offers the following tips:

- Drain or dump tarps, buckets and flower pots.
- Keep roof gutters free of leaves and other debris.
- Fill in tree stump holes from blown over trees as soon as possible.
- Dispose of cans, plastic containers and anything else that can hold water.
- Cover or drill holes in recycling containers or outside trash cans.
- Turn wheelbarrows, wading pools, children's toys and other similar items over or put them away.
- Store boats covered or upside down.
- Clean and put fresh water in birdbaths or wading pools regularly.
- Make sure your home's windows and doors have proper screening.
- When outdoors wear light colored long pants and long sleeves.
- Use an approved insect repellent according to manufacturers' instructions.

The Calvert County Mosquito Control Program provides countywide integrated pest abatement of nuisance and vector (disease carrier) mosquitoes. For a comprehensive overview of the program, visit online at www.co.cal.md.us/MosquitoControl, and for more information contact Mosquito Control via email at mosquitocontrol@co.cal.md.us or via phone at 410-535-6924.

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