



Some mosquitoes are able to transmit West Nile Virus and EEE.

For more information about these viruses please visit our website listed below or the MA DPH website at:

www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/

BCMCP Mission Statement

To serve the communities by suppressing both nuisance and disease carrying mosquito populations to tolerable levels in the most environmentally sensitive and economical manner. We utilize a variety of methods in such a way to minimize potential effects on people, wildlife and the environment.

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Bristol County Mosquito Control Project

Mosquito Management Around the Home



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Eliminate Standing Water!

Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water. Removing standing water is the easiest way to prevent breeding around your home.

- Flush bird baths, wading pools and water troughs weekly.
- Keep trash cans covered or put holes in the bottom so water can drain out.
- Remove all artificial containers from your property.
- Store children's toys inside if they can catch water.
- Ornamental pools should have an aerator or water should be changed often. They can also be stocked with fish that eat mosquito larvae.



Remember to drain all containers, and any other item that will catch and hold water.

Tree Holes and rotting stumps will also catch and trap water.

Fill these areas with sand to prevent water build-up.



Home Maintenance

- Repair or replace all damaged window and door screens.
- Keep gutters clean and free of debris, clogged gutters hold stagnant water.
- Repair leaking pipes and outside faucets.
- Make sure water does not accumulate under air conditioning units.
- Pool filtering systems should be in good working order.
- Abandoned pools should be drained, filled or shocked with pool chemicals.

Some common breeding areas around the home include:

- Artificial Containers (pails, cans, buckets, tires, etc.)
- Water Gardens
- Pool Covers
- Blue Tarps
- Unused Flower Pots
- Urns
- Abandoned swimming pools
- Rain Barrels

When Outdoors

- **Wear repellants.** The CDC recommends using products that contain DEET (do not use on infants), Picaridin, and the plant-based oil of lemon eucalyptus (do not use on children under the age of three).
- **Wear light-colored clothing** (mosquitoes are attracted to dark colors) and long-sleeved shirts and long pants if outdoor between dusk and dawn.
- **Use mosquito netting** on baby carriages, strollers and playpens for extra protection.
- **Avoid outdoor activity** between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are active.