

# Invasive mosquitoes are in Maricopa County. WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Dengue Virus is spread to people through the bite of an infected *Aedes aegypti* ("ankle biting") mosquito. They are aggressive daytime biters and can also bite at night. A few infected mosquitoes can produce a local outbreak, putting you, your family, and community at risk.

Check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for travel warnings. Infected travelers may not get sick, but can still spread the virus to local mosquitoes and then to other people. Using repellent while traveling, and for several weeks after returning home is very important.

**To lower your risk**, get rid of places where mosquitoes lay their eggs and grow. These "ankle biting" mosquitoes are "container breeders" and prefer to lay eggs on the inside of water-filled containers or on stems of plants growing in water. These eggs can survive for years, even when dry. Any item that can hold a teaspoon of water or more can grow mosquitoes. We need your help to keep disease out of our communities.

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## **Fight the Bite, Day and Night!**

### **Control mosquitoes around your home to protect yourself and your family**

- Eliminate standing water in and around your home and yard
- Empty, turn over, cover or discard all items that hold water
- Check inside and outside your home



# Mosquito Control

## Checklist

Use this checklist to find and remove common water holding sites around your home, yard, patio and garden to stay mosquito free. Removing the eggs is critical to controlling mosquitos.

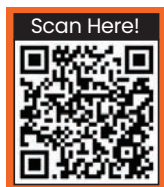
- Potted plant saucers & decorative pots
- Buckets and other containers
- Trash cans and trash can lids
- Recyclables & recycle collection bins
- Fountains, birdbaths, ponds
- Water bowls for pets/water troughs
- Bromeliads and other plants that naturally collect and hold water
- Leaky hoses, sprinklers, and/or faucets
- Rain barrels, cisterns, and/or homemade water collection and storage containers
- Items stored outside around your home or yard
- Tires, miscellaneous items or junk
- Outdoor toys, tire swings, and basketball hoop bases
- Lilly pots and/or water gardens
- Swimming pool and/or spa
- Watering cans
- Lawn ornaments and/or lawn furniture
- Wheelbarrows
- Covers or tarps on boats or vehicles
- Tree holes & low areas with persistent puddling
- Rain gutters/yard drains/French drains
- Street gutters & pot holes



**Tightly cover water storage containers so mosquitoes can't get inside to lay eggs. Rain barrels must be tightly sealed at all entrances with 1/16th inch wire mesh and checked regularly.**



**Thank you for your support and cooperation!**



**Learn more about what you can do to help prevent mosquito breeding, avoid bites and stay healthy at:**  
**[FightTheBiteMaricopa.org](https://FightTheBiteMaricopa.org)**

