



POTENTIAL MOSQUITO SOURCES CHECKLIST (Municipality)

The best method to reduce breeding in your community is to limit the number of potential sources. Inspect your community for potential breeding sources and if standing water is found, remove the source. Remember to check weekly and after rain events for potential breeding sources.

COMMON ITEMS

- Any container capable of holding at least a teaspoon of water**

Throw away, turn over, empty once a week or drill holes in the bottom.

- Buckets, trash & recycle bins, drinking glasses, cups, bottle caps, or trash that can hold water**

Store inside or turn over. If trash, throw away.

- Tarps and Plastic Covers**

Drain water trapped in folds and arrange so water runs off.

- Potted Plant Saucers**

Empty saucers or flush out with garden hose once a week. Remove saucers from under plants. Place fine aquarium gravel in saucers.

- Garbage Cans, Barrels, Recycling Bins**

Keep cans covered with lid or drill holes in bottom.

- Old Tires**

Dispose of at your local recycling facility. If used for playground equipment, drill holes for water to run. If on ground, ensure holes are not blocked by debris.

BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES

- Dripping Outdoor Faucets and Air Conditioners**

If puddling, repair faucet. Place rocks under air conditioner outlet to ensure water runs off.

- Drainage Ditch, Culvert, or Low Areas Clogged by Grass or Weed Clippings**

Remove grass and weed clipping so water can flow and/or drain freely.

- Gutters, including "Covered" Types**

Clean so water runs freely.

- Hollow Fence Posts (Without Caps)**

Put caps on open chain link or plastic fence posts.

- Playground Equipment**

Be sure water drains off.

- Sump Pumps**

Cover with screening.

- Under Balconies and Porches: Depressions in Dirt or Plastic Ground Linings**

Fill in depressions. Remove or turn over any stored items that hold water.

COMMON AREAS & GARDENS

- Patio Umbrella Bases**

Fill with sand or, if filled with water, be sure to screw on plug. Keep water out of depressions in stand.

- Bird Baths**

Dump out once a week or flush out with garden hose.

- Bromeliads (Plants that Hold Water)**

Turn plant over to dump water. For plants too large, flush out cavities with garden hose once a week. Discard or remove from landscaping if possible.

- Ornamental Ponds and Fountains**

Filter water or apply larvicide to prevent breeding.

- Outdoor Grills**

Keep covered. Ensure the vent is closed.

- Plastic in Gardens to Prevent Weeds**

Use landscape cloth that will allow water to pass through instead of plastic sheets that hold water.

