

BURLINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
in cooperation with
BURLINGTON COUNTY MOSQUITO DIVISION



TIPS FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL

There are 63 species of mosquitoes found in New Jersey. Not only are mosquitoes an annoyance, but some species have the ability to spread disease. In light of the introduction of West Nile Virus through mosquitoes this past fall, it is time to take action and do your part.

The single most effective way to control mosquitoes around the home is to remove standing water.

- Empty and discard empty paint cans, buckets, old tires, tin cans, etc.
- Change water in bird baths, fountains, twice a week
- Clean clogged rain gutters—check often
- Aerate ornamental ponds (water gardens) or stock with goldfish
- Empty watering cans, flower pots, ceramic pots, turn over wheelbarrows
- Drill holes in recycling containers
- Landscape so that no water collects on property

FOCUS ON BACKYARD POOLS

During the swimming season the Burlington County Health Department investigates numerous nuisance complaints regarding stagnant swimming pools. We offer these guidelines to control mosquito breeding in your backyard pool.

- Maintain swimming pools with appropriate chemicals and circulate water daily
- Remove leaf debris regularly as leaves provide shelter for larvae
- Maintain adequate chemical residuals
- Use a biological pesticide in the pool if you will be away and cannot maintain pool (i.e., Bti Briquets, Mosquito Dunks)
- Do not let water accumulate in swimming pool covers-elevate covers in the center with flotation devices to prevent ponding
- Remove or fill-in pools that will not be used
- Empty or cover tots swimming/wading pools when not in use

For questions regarding pools, call **Burlington County Health Department @ 609-265-5515.**

You can get additional information about mosquito control from the **Burlington County Mosquito Division @ 609-265-5064**

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