

Are You Raising Mosquitoes In Your Backyard?

The Burlington County Division of Mosquito Control is asking for your assistance and cooperation, in order to more effectively reduce mosquito populations in your neighborhood. Please use our suggestions for the control of mosquitoes in your yard. If you need additional information or assistance, please contact us at 609-265-5064.

Your Backyard May Have Many Sources That Can Produce Mosquitoes, Including the Mosquito Which Spreads West Nile Virus.

Mosquitoes need standing water to complete their life cycle. Adult mosquitoes can rest in grass, shrubbery, or other foliage, but they never breed there. Some mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water, where they hatch in a day or two. Other mosquitoes lay their eggs in old tires, treeholes, cans, buckets and other water-holding containers. These eggs can remain unhatched for weeks or months, or until they are covered with water. When the eggs hatch, mosquito larvae emerge, grow quickly, and turn into pupae. In a day or two, the skin of the pupa splits and out climbs a hungry adult mosquito.

In the summer, it only takes a week to go from egg to adult mosquito!

You Can Prevent Mosquito Breeding By Removing Standing Water.

Check Your Yard and Implement the Following:

1. Empty, drain, remove, cover or turn upside down any container that can hold water. This includes buckets, barrels, flower pots, tin cans, bottles, jars, paint cans, etc.
2. Change water in birdbaths frequently, at least once a week.
3. Empty and refill pets' water dishes daily.
4. Store tires inside garage or shed, cover to prevent water from accumulating in them, or dispose of properly.
5. Keep rain gutters clean so that water does not accumulate in them.
6. Prevent or remove accumulation of rain or sprinkler water on all plastic covers or tarps.
7. Empty small wading pools weekly. Store indoors when not in use.
8. Maintain swimming pools properly. Do not let water accumulate in swimming pool covers.