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**MOSQUITOES  
CAN CARRY  
SERIOUS  
DISEASES  
INCLUDING:**

- *Eastern Equine Encephalitis*
- *St. Louis Encephalitis*
- *La Crosse Encephalitis*
- *West Nile Virus*
- *Dog Heartworm*
- *Chikungunya*
- *Zika Virus*

**STOP  
MOSQUITO  
DEVELOPMENT**



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**Stop Raising  
Mosquitoes  
IN YOUR  
YARD  
& HOME**



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*"Improving the Lives, Health and Environment  
of our Community"*

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# STOP MOSQUITOES... from breeding

## IT'S A FACT

### CHECK YOUR YARD & HOME

If there are any places around your home where water collects such as water holding containers or ornamental pools-  
**YOU MAY BE RAISING MOSQUITOES!**

YOU SHOULD... get rid of old tires, tin cans, bottles, jars, buckets, drums and other containers, or keep them empty.  
YOU SHOULD... make sure rain gutters are not clogged.



YOU SHOULD... empty wading pools weekly and store them when not in use.



YOU SHOULD... repair outdoor dripping faucets and leaky pipes.



YOU SHOULD... stock ornamental pools and ponds with surface feeding minnows or mosquito fish (goldfish alone will not control mosquito larvae) or treat with chemical or biological larvacide.



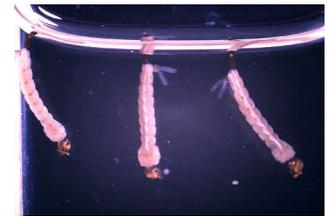
YOU SHOULD... change water and scrub vases holding flowers or cuttings at least once each week. Also scrub and change water in bird baths weekly and empty pet water bowls daily.



All mosquitoes need water in which to survive their early life stages. Adult flying mosquitoes frequently rest in grass, shrubbery or other foliage...but they never develop there.



*egg*



*larvae*



*pupae*



*adult female*

Some mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water where they hatch in a day or two. Other mosquitoes lay their eggs in old tires, tin cans, or other water holding containers and may remain un-hatched for weeks or months until they are covered with water. With both types of mosquitoes the wigglers (larvae) grow quickly and turn into tumblers (pupae). Soon the skin of the tumbler splits open and out climbs another hungry mosquito.