



Yard, Patio, or Balcony Checklist

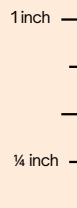
Mosquitoes can spread diseases that may be harmful to you, your family, friends, and community. It only takes about 1 week and 1/4" of water for mosquitoes to lay their eggs and grow into biting adults. Use this checklist weekly to find mosquito breeding sources and to help prevent mosquitoes around your home.

Prevention

- Dump out or drain plant saucers or fill with fine gravel or sand
- Store unused buckets, watering cans, or other items that can hold water upside down or inside
- Bromeliad plants collect water between their leaves: water at the base of the plant and flush out water between the leaves with a hose weekly
- Store toys indoors or under covered areas to keep water from pooling
- Cover or drain kiddie pools and water tables after use or cover
- Remove trash piles, debris, or clutter that can collect water
- Check tarps and furniture covers to make sure they are not holding water
- Cover all rain barrel openings with 1/16th inch mesh screen. You can also add a bacterial larvicide monthly
- Dump out birdbaths at least once a week to clean and refill
- Drill holes in tire swings or play equipment that can hold water, like the bases of basketball hoops
- Yard drains can trap standing water - flush or drain the water at least once a week or cover the top with a fine mesh screen

Control

- Sprinkle a bacterial larvicide into the water between the leaves of the Bromeliad
- Make sure water is running in fountains, ponds, and unmaintained pools. If not, use a bacterial larvicide and/or mosquitofish
- Add mosquitofish to your ornamental pond or non-working pool - make sure to give them hiding places if there are other fish in the pond
- Contact Vector Control Program if you have a green pool to receive a FREE educational inspection
- Contact Vector Control Program if you are experiencing high mosquito activity to receive a FREE educational inspection
- Contact Vector Control Program if you find a dead bird (Crow, Raven, Jay, Hawk, Owl, or Falcon) within 24 hours



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