

Information Sheet

Mosquito Control

Mosquitoes generally lay batches of 100-300 eggs at a time around every third day, and larvae take around a week to develop into flying mosquitoes. An effective control strategy therefore involves targeting the larvae.

Some tips are provided below to stop mosquitoes breeding around your home:

Mosquitoes need a still body of water to breed. Clean up and put away any containers that could collect and hold water:

- dispose of all tins, tyres and other rubbish containers that may hold water
- put sand around bases of pot plants to absorb excess water in the dish
- overturn boats and dinghies or remove the drain plug so they do not hold water
- empty flower vases, pot plants and other receptacles that hold water at least once a week
- drill holes in tyres used for swings, playgrounds and garden surrounds to allow water to drain
- empty bird baths and pets drinking water at least twice a week
- prevent leaking taps which can maintain semi-permanent pools
- flush disused outside toilets once a week

Rainwater tanks and Septic Systems can become a major breeding area so you should ensure that:

- any tops, lids, covers and inlet pipes are close fitting
- outlet and over-flow pipes are fitted with removable screen mesh
- all water inlets entering the tanks are screened to stop adult mosquitoes getting in.

Keep roof guttering in good repair

- regularly remove leaves and debris so that pools of water do not form
- clear your gutters of all debris regularly, especially after a rainfall event, and make sure the water drains properly

Ponds and Pools can also become major breeding areas. Ensure that you:

- keep swimming pools chlorinated, salted or empty them completely when not in use for considerable periods
- empty children's wading pools regularly
- keep ponds are stocked with fish

Keep your grass short, garden well maintained and rake up fallen leaves so that you are not providing shelter for adult mosquitoes:

- Mosquitoes will look for a cool, damp place to rest during the day

For more information on mosquito control you can visit the Western Australian official website:

ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/J_M/Mosquito-management

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