

# HELP AVOID BEING BITTEN BY MOSQUITOES



## TAKE PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS #1

Use a good personal protection lotion, stick, or spray for yourself and family. Wear long sleeves and avoid dawn/dusk outside trips if possible. Yard and community spraying cannot protect you and often provides a false sense of security.

### TIP

Mosquitoes need fresh water to reproduce. Reduce standing water to eliminate mosquito threats, including those in children's sandboxes, wagons, and toy trucks; underneath and around downspouts, in plant saucers, dog bowls, and tires. Other hot spots include tarps, gutters, and flat roofs.

### TOSS

Toss excess grass clippings, leaves, firewood and other yard debris from your yard & garden.

### TURN OVER

Turn over larger items that could hold water like children's swimming pools or sand buckets. If it is a bird bath that is meant to have water, dump and clean it out every 3-4 days to avoid mosquito breeding.

### REMOVE TARPS

If tarps stretched over firewood piles, boats or sports equipment aren't taut, they're holding water. Remove or tighten tarps.

### TAKE CARE

Take care of home maintenance needs that can contribute to standing water. Assess areas where pool of water may form such as faucets, drains, uneven sod and hoses. Cut high grass where they hide in wait.

### TEAM UP

Despite taking all precautions in your own home, talking with neighbors is a key component to mosquito control. Townhomes and homes with little space between lots mean that mosquitoes can breed at a neighbor's home, and affect your property.

### TREAT YOUR YARD AND HOME

Utilize a mosquito elimination barrier treatment around the home and yard. There are several different types.



**Please report standing water in public right of ways to  
the Public Works Department at 512-398-6452**