

# Keeping Mosquitoes out of Your Yard



There are a variety of precautions to take in order to keep your yard free of mosquitoes:

1. Drill holes in the bottom, not the sides, of any garbage or recycling containers stored outdoors. Holes on the sides still allow enough water to accumulate in the bottom for mosquitoes to breed.
2. Keep gutters clean and unclogged. Be sure your downspouts drain properly.
3. Keep swimming pools cleaned and chlorinated, even when not in use.  
*Especially when not in use!*
4. Check your property after a rain, and inspect areas in the landscape that are not draining well. If you see puddles that linger for more than 4 days, regrade the area.
5. Dump anything that holds water twice per week if it has rained. Birdbaths, non-chlorinated wading pools, footbaths, garbage can lids, and flower pot saucers will all attract breeding mosquitoes.
6. Remove **scrap tires** from the yard or keep them dry!
7. Ornamental ponds should be aerated to keep water moving or filled with mosquito eating fish.
8. Mature mosquitoes rest during the day, typically on tall weeds or other vegetation. Make your grounds less hospitable to mosquitoes by mowing regularly, and keep weeds away from your home's foundation.

