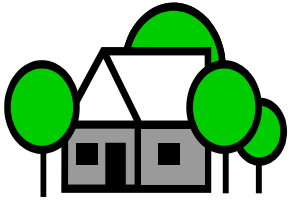# Eliminate Potential Breeding Grounds for Mosquitoes

➢ **To clear your property of any potential breeding sites**

➢ **To prevent any problem areas from reoccurring**

Mosquitoes are an all too familiar summer nuisance. They are not only annoying, but they can be transmitters of encephalitis, malaria and yellow fever to humans, and heartworm to pets.

You can take simple, positive steps to reduce this menace right at home, since many generations of mosquitoes can breed right in your own yard.
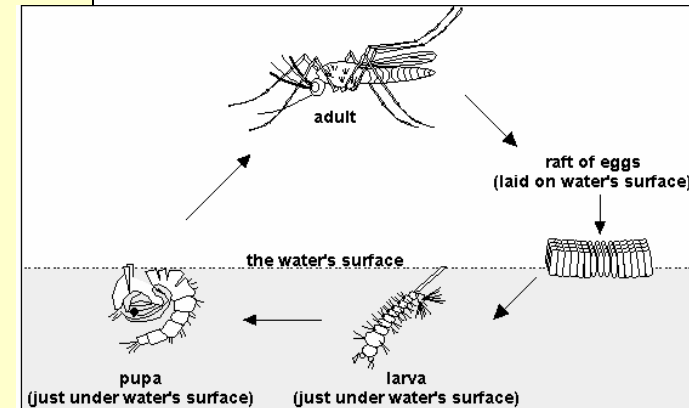
YARD & HOME CHECKLIST

☐ Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water holding containers

☐ Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in yard

☐ Keep drains, ditches and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly

☐ Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater

☐ Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets

☐ Empty plastic wading pool at least once a week and store it indoors when not in use.

☐ Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation

☐ Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete

☐ Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once each week

☐ Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there.

Standing water means you could be raising mosquitoes!

Adult flying mosquitoes often rest in tall grass and shrubbery, but they cannot develop there. All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.

MOSQUITO LIFE CYCLE

adult

raft of eggs (laid on water's surface)

the water's surface

pupa (just under water's surface)

larva (just under water's surface)

Some mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water where they hatch in just a day or two. Other mosquitoes may lay their eggs in old tires, tin cans, or other water-holding containers. The eggs may remain unhatched for weeks or even months until they are covered with water!

So, after any significant rainfall remember to remove any standing water from your yard and help keep mosquitoes from hatching.

Together we can eliminate potential breeding grounds and increase our enjoyment of the great outdoors.