



MOSQUITOES

MORE THAN JUST A NUISANCE

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

- Avoid mosquito bites
- Eliminate breeding sites
- Help your community

- **Mosquitoes** can spread serious, life-altering and even fatal diseases.
- **Avoid mosquito bites.** All it takes is one bite from an infected mosquito to get sick.
- **Use mosquito repellent.** Follow manufacturer's instructions. The most effective repellents contain:
 - **DEET**
 - **Picaridin**
 - **Oil of lemon eucalyptus** or para-menthane-diol (PMD)
 - **Permethrin** (for clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear, but **not** for skin)
- **Some diseases that could be spread by mosquitoes in Georgia include:**
 - Eastern equine encephalitis
 - Chikungunya
 - La Crosse encephalitis
 - Dengue
 - Saint Louis encephalitis
 - Zika
 - West Nile virus infection
- **Not all mosquitoes are the same.** Different mosquitoes spread different viruses and bite at different times of the day.
 - **Culex** species (southern house mosquito)
 - Can spread West Nile virus
 - Bite from evening to morning
 - **Aedes** species (Asian tiger mosquito)
 - Can spread chikungunya and Zika viruses
 - Bite mostly in the daytime but also at night
- **Eliminate breeding sites.** Don't give mosquitoes a place to breed. Encourage your neighbors to do the same.



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MOSQUITO PREVENTION CHECKLIST

The mosquitoes that can carry viruses in the Atlanta area tend to breed in containers and typically do not fly very far. Therefore, your help is needed to effectively reduce mosquito populations around your home.

Make a checklist of items in your yard to check weekly for standing water. **Drain and scrub or remove.** Remember, a bottle cap can hold enough water to breed mosquitoes.

I have marked the items below that I noticed may need attention.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Air conditioners | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic sheeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birdbaths  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain barrels or cisterns  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boats | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gutters and drains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buckets, pans or cans  | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pools, spas or covers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Containers | <input type="checkbox"/> Tarps or other plastic covers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorative ponds | <input type="checkbox"/> Tires  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ditches | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree holes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drink cans or bottles  | <input type="checkbox"/> Truck beds  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flower pots  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wading pools  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Litter and debris | <input type="checkbox"/> Wagons or toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low spots in yard | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelbarrows  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia leaves | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet bowls  | |

Additional concerns in your yard are:

Thank you for helping us protect the health of those who live, work and play in DeKalb County!

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT:

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