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MOSQUITO CONTROL AROUND THE HOME AND OFFICE

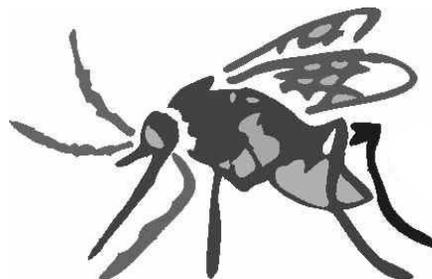
SYNOPSIS:

Mosquitoes can be more than just annoying; they can create serious problems. They can interfere with work and spoil hours of leisure time. Some mosquitoes transmit diseases such as equine encephalitis to animals and West Nile Virus to humans and animals. The most effective way to control mosquitoes around the home and office is to find and eliminate breeding sites. All mosquitoes pass through four stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. The first three stages must have water for development. Eliminate standing water, and you can significantly decrease the mosquito population. If mosquitoes reach the adult stage, the primary method of control is use of repellents.

STEPS MILITARY HOUSING OCCUPANTS AND BUILDING MANAGERS CAN TAKE TO PREVENT MOSQUITO BREEDING:

- * Remove standing water that accumulates in lawn ornaments and flowerpots.
- * Destroy or dispose of tin cans, plastic containers and other objects, especially old tires, that can hold water.

- * Empty and refresh pet water dishes, watering troughs and birdbaths at least once a week.
- * Ensure garbage cans have tight-fitting lids.
- * Clean debris from rain gutters and remove standing water under or around structures or on flat roofs.
- * Check around faucets and air conditioning units and repair leaks.
- * If you have a spa, keep it chlorinated. If not in use, cover it. Make sure water does not collect on the cover.
- * Empty children's wading pools immediately after use.
- * Store small boats upside down.
- * Cover large boats. Make sure the drain plug is removed so water can drain from the boat. Make sure water does not collect on the cover.
- * Irrigate lawns and gardens carefully to prevent standing water.



ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL:

- ? Keep adult mosquitoes out of the home by using screens on doors and windows.
- ? Use repellents such as DEET if you are working or playing in mosquito-infested areas.
- ? Reduce the number of areas where adult mosquitoes rest by removing brushy areas around structures and regularly mowing the lawn.

WEB SITE:

For more information on the Air Force Pest Management Program, visit <http://www.afcesa.af.mil/Directorate/CES/Mechanical/Pest/Pest.htm>.

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