

This is a suitable time of the year to be aware of your surroundings when it comes to mosquitoes, and the habitats that they like to hang around in. It takes truly little standing water for mosquitoes to lay their eggs in and with the summer heat they will go through their life cycles very quickly. Somethings to make sure to check for in your yard and surrounding areas to help decrease these mosquito breeding habitats is any artificial containers such as tires, buckets, bird baths, kids' toys, the saucers under flowerpots, and even corrugated pipes. Always make sure to check your yard for anything that can potentially or is holding water. If you find standing water that has or will be there for more than five days, if possible, dump it regularly. If it is unable to be dumped, treat the standing water with products targeted for larva that can be purchased at your local hardware store or online (see image below).

Some of the most difficult things to treat are your gutters and the corrugated pipe at the end. Gutters and the down spouting connected to it is an ideal place for mosquitoes to breed since it usually remains wet, dark, warm and no predators can disrupt the mosquito life cycle. It is always best to try and keep rain gutters clean and to dump corrugated pipe after a rain. If this is not possible, place a pair of nylons on the end if the pipe so water can still enter the pipe, be diverted away from the house, but the mosquitoes cannot enter to lay their eggs.

Another especially important thing to look for is heavy vegetation like ivy or arborvitae. If you are not seeing any water in your yard, mosquitoes stay in heavy vegetation during the day. The shade provided by these plants make a good hiding spot for these insects, preventing them from dessication.



Mosquito dunks are a great inexpensive product to purchase from your local hardware store to treat those areas of standing water that cannot be dumped.



Corrugated down spouting like shown above is an ideal place for mosquitos to lay eggs.