

Homeowner's Mosquito Control Checklist

- ✓ Change water twice a week in birdbaths, flower vases and pet watering bowls.
- ✓ Empty and store under cover plastic wading pools and toys that catch water.
- ✓ Throw away or store under cover cans, jars, containers, buckets, pails and watering cans.
- ✓ Replace plant saucers with 'pot feet' or fill saucers with pea gravel.
- ✓ The Dallas City Code requires that tires be kept under a roofed structure.
- ✓ Report standing water in catch basins at road corners, storm drains and bar ditches pools to the City of Dallas by calling 3-1-1 .
- ✓ Report abandoned swimming pools to the City of Dallas by calling 3-1-1.
- ✓ Keep lids closed on garbage containers.
- ✓ Pick up litter, such as aluminum cans and bottles , that can collect water.
- ✓ Clean or replace clogged roof gutters and downspouts.
- ✓ Cut the backside of corrugated plastic pipe attached to downspouts to allow water to drain completely.
- ✓ Drain water on flat roofs or treat standing water with larvicide.
- ✓ Repair leaky outdoor faucets and sprinkler systems.
- ✓ Level low spots in your yard and tire ruts with sand or dirt.
- ✓ Improve flowerbed drainage by digging trenches to allow water to flow and absorb into the ground.
- ✓ For ornamental ponds, add mosquito-eating minnows for mosquito larva control or aerate with a pump.
- ✓ Avoid over-watering of your yard.
- ✓ Make sure sprinkler systems are set correctly to prevent over-watering of your yard.
- ✓ Fill tree stumps and holes with sand and/or mortar.
- ✓ Clean out and cover utility meter vaults.
- ✓ Turn upside or store under cover your wheelbarrows, yard/utility carts, and wagons.
- ✓ Empty boat covers and vehicle tarps frequently.

Source: Concerned Citizens of Dallas