

Protect Your Home From MOSQUITOES

Two mosquito species are known to carry the Zika virus: the Yellow Fever (*Aedes aegypti*) and Asian Tiger (*Aedes albopictus*) mosquito. Both commonly live in close association with—and prefer feeding on—humans. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water so any water that collects outside your home can be a breeding ground—there is almost no container too small. A tiny bottle cap holds enough standing water for mosquito larvae.

Standing water around your home should be dumped or drained regularly, even if you don't see mosquito larvae.

Roof gutters accumulate fallen leaves and water. Clear monthly.

Keep doors closed. Repair any holes in window or door screens.

Flush bromeliads or other water-retentive plants weekly with a garden hose. Dump any excess water in potted plants with pans or trivets.

Refresh the water in your pet's bowl every day.

Keep barbecue grills covered.

Change the water in bird baths weekly.

Poorly maintained pools, attract mosquitoes. Flush and scrub weekly or keep them turned over.



Flat roofs accumulate fallen leaves and can be breeding sites.
Clear monthly.

Boats on trailers, dry docked or unused, can collect water. Cover and keep covers pulled tight.

Store or throw out **yard clutter** and trash.

Fill **tree holes** with sand or treat them with a mosquito larvicide registered with the Florida Department of Agriculture. Call 850-617-7940.

Drain **tires**. Discard or move tires into a sheltered area. Or stack the tires and cover the stack.

Cover **rain barrels** with a fine mesh screening or a secure lid.

Stock ornamental ponds with small fish (*Gambusia* species) and keep the pump running.

Flush and scrub **water troughs** weekly.



[FloridaHealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases](https://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases)