

## Helpful Home Mosquito Control

The Ouachita Parish Mosquito Abatement District is asking for your assistance and cooperation, in order to more effectively reduce mosquito populations in your neighborhood. Please use our checklist and suggestions to control mosquitoes coming from your yard. If you have difficulties or need additional information please contact our office at 318-323-3535.

### Home Checklist

Breeding Site	Yes	No	Suggestions
Air conditioners			Check around air conditioning units to be sure puddles don't form from condensation.
Birdbath			Change water and scrub out twice weekly
Boat			Store small boats upside down. Cover large boats and keep drains open. Store under shed.
Buckets, pans, cans, etc.			Empty, turn upside down, punch drainage holes or dispose of totally
Ditches, septic or other			Remove trash and leaves so that drainage doesn't become clogged. Keep grass and other plants cut down.
Drink cans, bottles, etc.			Remove from yard & ditches. If you save plastics/aluminum for recycling, store under shed or in garage.
Flower pots			Do not allow water to stand in saucers under pots.
Low spots in yard			Dig shallow trenches so water drains away or fill in low areas with dirt or sand.
Pet bowls			Wash out and refill at least twice weekly
Rain barrels, cisterns			If you collect rain water for gardens, etc., cover container with screen. Check regularly for presence of egg rafts or larvae.
Rain Gutters			Screen tops to prevent leaves and debris from getting in. Keep cleaned out so water will drain.
Swimming pools			Keep water chemically treated and circulating. If no longer being used, consider filling in.
Tarps & other plastic covers			Be sure they don't form pockets which will hold water. Always check after heavy rains or at least weekly.
Tree holes			Remove water; create drainage hole near bottom of cavity; fill with sand or concrete.
Used tires			Preferably, dispose of them. Store inside garage or under shed or cover with tarp.
Wading pools			Change water on regular basis. When not being used, empty and lean against side of house.
Wagons, trucks, other toys			Remove toys from yard, keep under cover or in house. Turn large toys over so they can't hold water.