



# NO STANDING WATER NO MOSQUITOES!

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Water that stands for more than four days can breed mosquitoes.

Eliminate standing water and help eliminate mosquitoes that spread West Nile Virus.

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## **Containers, Barrels, and Garbage Cans**

Discard them, store them inside, or turn them upside down. Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors.

## **Old Tires**

Dispose of them or store in a basement or shed where they won't collect rainwater.



## **Bird Baths, Wading Pools, Ornamental and Fish Ponds**

Change and clean the water every few days. Turn upside down when not in use. Stock ponds with mosquito-eating fish.

## **Swimming Pools, Spas & Hot Tubs**

Keep chlorinated. If not in use, tightly cover and keep rainwater from accumulating on the cover.

## **Puddles and Swampy Areas**

Grade to drain off the water, or fill with dirt.

## **Flower Pots and Vases**

Drain standing water from pot saucers. Change water in outdoor vases every couple of days.

## **Leaky Faucets and Hoses**

Repair leaking faucets and drain the area underneath.

## **Pet or Livestock Watering Pans**

Empty frequently, clean, and refill.

## **Tarps or Plastic Sheets**

Make sure coverings on boats, swimming pools, compost piles, etc. are pulled tight and sloped so that rainwater runs off.

## **Tree Holes, Stumps, and Brush piles**

Remove stumps and brush piles. Fill stumps and tree holes with sand or other filler.

## **Wheelbarrows**

Store upside down or under cover in a basement or shed.



## **Canoes and Boats**

Cover with a tight-fitting tarp, or turn upside down. Open drain plug and tilt boat so water flows out.

## **Roof Gutters**

Clean out leaves and debris that trap and hold water. Repair sagging gutters.

## **Construction Sites and Landscaping**

Check around construction sites or do-it-yourself improvements to ensure proper drainage. Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property.

## **Lawns**

Irrigate lawns and gardens carefully to prevent water from standing for several days. Store lawn equipment indoors. Cut back dense vegetation surrounding your yard.

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## **CHECK FOR STANDING WATER WEEKLY AND ELIMINATE!**

If you have questions or would like additional information on controlling mosquitoes, contact the La Crosse County Health Department at (608) 785-9872.

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