Why do we need mosquito control programs?

Without control programs the mosquito population would flourish and cause potential health and comfort problems. From a health standpoint, mosquitoes are known carriers of encephalitis, malaria, and the yellow fever and dengue viruses. Mosquito-borne diseases cause more than one million deaths each year around the world. Mosquito bites can also infect a pet with the deadly canine heartworm.

Fight the Bite

How can you protect yourself And your Family from Mosquitoes

You can and should try to reduce your risk of being bitten by mosquitoes.

Anytime is a good time to eliminate areas where mosquitoes breed.

- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots and other water-holders on your property.
- Pay special attention to discarded tires on and around your property. Contact your local government for disposal information.
- Drill holes in recycling containers.
- Keep roof gutters clean and make sure they drain properly.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use or empty twice a week.
- Aerate ornamental pools and water gardens.
- Maintain swimming pools and drain pools that are not being used.
- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water on your property.
- Change the water in your bird baths at least twice a week.
- Cover boats and wheelbarrows or store them upside down.

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