

MOSQUITO FACTS



- Fifty species of mosquitoes occur in Minnesota, over 3,300 worldwide.
- A single female can lay over 200 eggs at a time. Mosquito eggs can survive for more than five years!
- All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.
- Not all species bite humans; some prefer birds, others prefer horses, and some will even bite frogs and turtles.
- Only female mosquitoes take blood. Both males and females get energy for flight from plant nectar.
- Mosquitoes can fly considerable distances; some species remain close to their larval habitats while others can fly 20 miles or more.
- Mosquitoes are responsible for more human deaths than all insects and animals put together.
- Mosquitoes **DO NOT** transmit AIDS.

Standing water means you could be raising mosquitoes!

Some mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water where they hatch in just a day or two. Other mosquitoes may lay their eggs in old tires, tin cans, or other water holding containers. The eggs may remain unhatched for weeks or even months until they are covered with water!

YARD & HOME CHECKLIST

Please check your yard every 3 days for anything that may hold even an ounce of water.

- Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water holding containers
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in yard
- Keep drains, ditches and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly
- Cover trash containers to keep out rain water
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store it indoors when not in use
- Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once each week

