

Mosquito-Borne and Other Insect-Borne Diseases

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Helpful Resources

and you may not always notice when you have been bitten. Mosquito activity in Florida can be year round. The following are some steps that can be taken to help prevent mosquito bites.



DRAIN: Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers where sprinkler or rain water has collected.

DISCARD: Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.

EMPTY and CLEAN: Empty bird baths and pet's water bowls at least once or twice a week.

PROTECT: Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.



MAINTAIN: Maintain the water balance and chemistry of swimming pools. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use. Repair broken screens on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

CLOTHING: If you must be outside when mosquitoes are active, cover up. Wear hats, socks, long pants, and long sleeves.



REPELLENT: Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane diol, and IR3535 are effective. Use netting to protect children younger than 2 months.

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/index.html>

