

# Mosquitoes

Small Bite, Big Threat. Protect Yourself.



## DRAIN & COVER

to prevent mosquitoes and mosquito bites.

### Drain standing water in and around your home:

- Replace water in bird baths and pet bowls at least once a week.
- Empty standing water in flower pots, garbage cans, buckets, toys, and other large and small items that collect water.
- Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that do not collect water.
- Keep swimming pools chlorinated and maintained. Empty kiddie pools when not in use.

### Cover your skin with clothing and repellent:

- Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, shoes, and socks when outdoors; light-colored, lightweight, loose-fitting clothing will be the most comfortable.
- Apply repellent to bare skin and to clothing. Always use repellents according to label directions.
- Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective.
- Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months old.

**Cover doors, windows, porches, and patios with screens. Repair broken screens.**

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