



TOWN OF  
**Brownsburg**

# Mosquito Control

## Are you doing your part?

*We live to larvicide, so mosquitoes don't.*

Besides being a nuisance pest in the summertime, the mosquito can be a carrier of many serious diseases. Until recent years, encephalitis was the most feared disease spread to humans by the Northern House Mosquito (*Culex*), which is also the major carrier of West Nile Virus (WNV). Encephalitis and WNV are spreading to humans by *Culex* mosquitoes that have bitten birds infected with the viruses.

This mosquito is found throughout all residential areas (we treat within town limits), especially where sewage or other organic waste forms stagnant pools in poorly maintained streams or drainage ditches. The eggs of this mosquito are deposited in clusters of 50 to 400 directly on the water surface. The eggs hatch within a day or two into larvae or "wigglers" which change into pupal or resting stage before emerging as adult mosquitoes which remain very close to their breeding areas.

The development from egg to adult may be completed in as little as 10 days during warm weather. They also develop in various artificial containers, such as tin cans, rubber tires, or birdbaths which may hold water. Water remaining for more than one week becomes a productive site for mosquitoes to breed in. Reduce the breeding of this type of mosquito and you lessen the possibility of disease.

1. Use repellents outdoors in the evening or stay indoors. Always read the repellent label before using.
2. Clean out rain gutters and downspouts.
3. Eliminate unnecessary water and water holding containers.
4. Store pails, barrels, tubs, vases, small boats and wheel barrows upside down.
5. Eliminate hiding places by cutting weeds, pruning shrubs and disposing of useless artificial containers and other junk.
6. Cover cisterns, rain barrels, and fire barrels with fine mesh screen (16x16 meshes to the inch).
7. Follow manufacturer's recommendations for proper care of swimming pools.
8. Stock ornamental pools with goldfish or minnows.
9. Repair or replace screens on doors and windows.
10. Show this report to your neighbors. Ask them to do their part.
11. Inspect your property weekly. If any questions should arise, call your local mosquito control office phone below.

**Mosquito control is a community problem. Be a good neighbor and do your part aim to for prevention and better control.**

**For more information:**

**Call 317-852-1113 or email [mgriner@brownsburg.org](mailto:mgriner@brownsburg.org)**

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*Discourage mosquitoes from breeding in your neighborhood by eliminating trash and containers that may hold water, such as tin cans, jars and old tires.*

