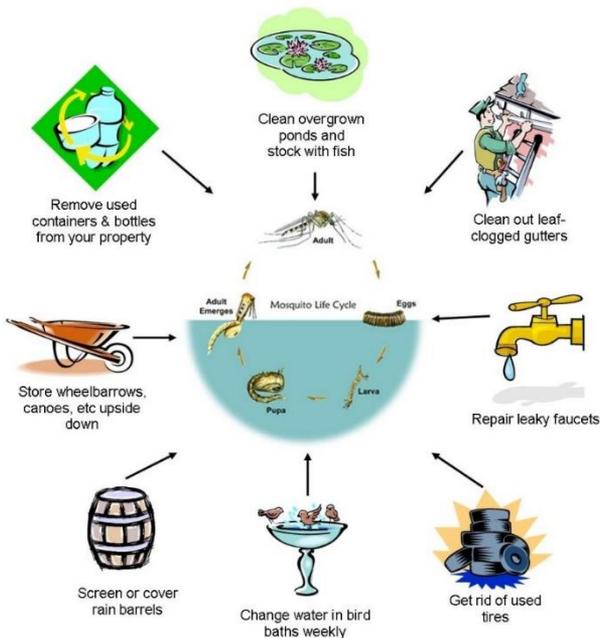


What You Can Do to Stop the Mosquitoes

As stated, the mosquito eggs and larvae **MUST** grow in water before becoming full-fledged adult mosquitoes. So here is what you can do to eliminate them before they become an issue!

1. Do weekly “**yard surveys**” and tip or remove these water holding containers!



2. Talk to your neighbors about these breeding areas. If you have removed all your water holding containers and still find that you have mosquitoes around, remember that they aren't flying from far away, so **help your neighbor clean up their yard too!**

3. Work with the community to educate the whole town about the issue. **Organize group clean-ups** and help people who may not be able to reach all spots of their yard alone.

4. Check and clean roof gutters, especially in April and May before the mosquito season starts.

5. Keep drains and culverts free of grass clippings, weeds and trash so water will drain properly.

6. Empty standing water from:
 - Potted plants
 - Saucers
 - Birdbaths
 - Pet bowls
 - Yard ornaments that collect water
 - Wading pools and toys
 - Buckets
 - Wheelbarrows
 - Tarps and folds that collect water
 - Boats and canoes

7. Always close the lid of your garbage cans



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8. Always **turn over** your wheelbarrows, buckets, toys, etc.



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9. **Maintain ornamental ponds:** aerate ornamental pond using a circulation pump. Also, stock the pond with fish and bti dunks. Your pond would look nicer and free of mosquitoes.



10. Wear long sleeve shirts, long pants, socks and shoes when mosquitos are more active. Try to use light-colored clothing, mosquitoes are more attracted to people in dark clothing.
11. **Apply repellent** such as picaridin, DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus only to exposed skin and/or clothing.
12. Use mosquito netting over infant carriers, and strollers
13. Install or repair window and door screens to keep out mosquitoes
14. Volunteer to be a **BLOCK CAPTAIN** if you can help with any of the following:
 - Help distribute education materials to your block
 - Sign up your neighbors for yard inspections
 - Help conduct yard inspections
 - Host an informational meeting for your block

For more information or to schedule a **FREE yard inspection** from the town, please call 301-852-1889 or e-mail us at mosquito@upmd.org.

Take Back Our Yards!