



Yard Cleanup

UP Community Mosquito Control
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The Asian tiger is the most common mosquito in University Park. These daytime biters need standing water for their eggs to hatch, where the larva develops into an adult in about a week. Any standing water in your yard may become a mosquito breeding ground. The most effective way to eliminate mosquitoes is to reduce existing areas of standing water where they can breed.

These areas include:

- Corrugated drainpipe
- Puddles in bins, lids, or containers
- Inflatable pools and kids toys
- Clogged gutters
- Flowerpots and saucers
- Birdbaths and ornamental ponds
- Yard equipment, like wheelbarrows and buckets
- Folds in tarps or pool covers



It's important to inspect your yard weekly, especially after it rains, to eliminate potential breeding sites. Even one ounce of water can breed mosquitoes. Tip or remove water that has collected as soon as possible.

Dump or drain: If it holds standing water for longer than a few days, flip it over or drain it out.

Dunk: If you can't dump it or drain it (birdbaths, fishponds, persistent puddles) put mosquito dunks or sprinkle granular dunks in the water. They prevent larvae from hatching and do no harm to other species.

Screen: Corrugated drainpipe is mosquito heaven! Screen it. Tie stretchable nylon (pantyhose) around the aboveground joints. Put screen or mesh in or around the ends of the pipes.

Remember, the Asian tiger mosquito doesn't travel very far to bite you. Mosquitoes in your yard likely bred there or very nearby. Enlist the help of your neighbors to remove breeding sites from their yards as well.

