

BACKYARD CHECKLIST FOR MOSQUITO BREEDING

Bird baths = Empty or flush every two days out with a garden hose

Pet water bowls = Empty or flush out every two days

Potted plants = Empty saucers or flush out every two days

Buckets and other containers that hold water = turn over or throw away

Plastic covers & tarps = Drain water trapped in folds

Garbage cans & barrels = Keep lid on can

Old tires = Dispose of at a Solid Waste Transfer Station

Children's toys = Store inside or turn over

Abandoned or unused swimming & wading pools = Remove, fill-in or chlorinate regularly

Wheelbarrows = Turn over when not in use

Ornamental ponds = Stock with fish or circulate water continuously

Boats & canoes = Pump out bilges and turn over canoes and small boats

Low spots in yard, drainage ditches & culverts = Fill in depressions, remove grass and weed clippings so water can flow and/or drain freely

Patio umbrella stand or portable basketball stand = Fill with sand and keep water out of depressions on stand

Septic Tanks = Keep lid closed

Horse & Cattle Tanks = Add *Gambusia* aka mosquito-fish



Who is responsible for mosquito control?

As property owners and residents of Pinal County, we all have a role to play in reducing mosquito breeding on property we own or occupy.

Protect yourself and your family, **If you must be outdoors when mosquitoes are active, wear lightweight clothing that covers your arms and legs and use an insect repellent containing an EPA registered active ingredient such as DEET(23% to 30%), Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Always follow the directions on the label.**

**Call the “Mosquito Hotline” for info. on spraying in your area or to make a mosquito complaint
1-866-287-0209 ext. 6200**

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