

Ouachita Parish Mosquito

Abatement District

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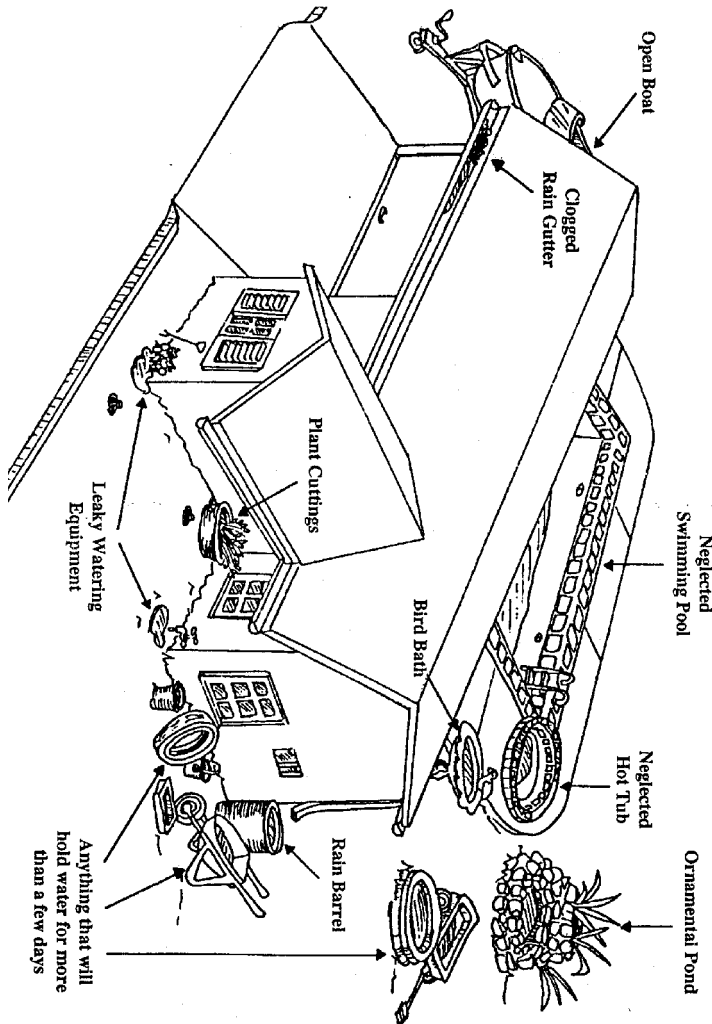
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The Ouachita Parish Mosquito Abatement District is doing everything possible to keep you and your family safe and comfortable this summer. Below are some suggestions on how you can protect yourself. Inside, you will find a checklist of places around your home which are potential breeding sites for mosquitoes. Please check around your home, your apartment or your place of business to eliminate as many of these sites as possible. Your cooperation will lessen the chances of anyone contracting West Nile Virus this coming summer.

Quick list for personal safety:

- ◆ Try to limit outdoor activities after dark as much as possible.
- ◆ If you must be outside at night, wear loose fitting, light weight clothing; i.e., long sleeve shirts and long pants.
- ◆ Purchase and use a good mosquito repellent. Follow directions on package.
- ◆ Do not put repellents on hands or faces of small children.
- ◆ Check screens on windows and doors for damage and repair as necessary.
- ◆ Consider burning citronella candles as a deterrent when involved in night time activities out of doors.

COMMON BACKYARD MOSQUITO BREEDING SOURCES



To Report A Mosquito Problem

Please call 318-323-3535

Between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM

Helpful Home Mosquito Control

The Ouachita Parish Mosquito Abatement District is asking for your assistance and cooperation, in order to more effectively reduce mosquito populations in your neighborhood. Please use our checklist and suggestions to control mosquitoes coming from your yard. If you have difficulties or need additional information please contact our office at 318-323-3535.

Home Checklist

| Breeding Site | Yes | No | Suggestions |
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| Air conditioners | | | Check around air conditioning units to be sure puddles don't form from condensation. |
| Birdbath | | | Change water and scrub out twice weekly |
| Boat | | | Store small boats upside down. Cover large boats and keep drains open. Store under shed. |
| Buckets, pans, cans, etc. | | | Empty, turn upside down, punch drainage holes or dispose of totally |
| Ditches, septic or other | | | Remove trash and leaves so that drainage doesn't become clogged. Keep grass and other plants cut down. |
| Drink cans, bottles, etc. | | | Remove from yard & ditches. If you save plastics/aluminum for recycling, store under shed or in garage. |
| Flower pots | | | Do not allow water to stand in saucers under pots. |
| Low spots in yard | | | Dig shallow trenches so water drains away or fill in low areas with dirt or sand. |
| Pet bowls | | | Wash out and refill at least twice weekly |
| Rain barrels, cisterns | | | If you collect rain water for gardens, etc., cover container with screen. Check regularly for presence of egg rafts or larvae. |
| Rain Gutters | | | Screen tops to prevent leaves and debris from getting in. Keep cleaned out so water will drain. |
| Swimming pools | | | Keep water chemically treated and circulating. If no longer being used, consider filling in. |
| Tarps & other plastic covers | | | Be sure they don't form pockets which will hold water. Always check after heavy rains or at least weekly. |
| Tree holes | | | Remove water; create drainage hole near bottom of cavity; fill with sand or concrete. |
| Used tires | | | Preferably, dispose of them. Store inside garage or under shed or cover with tarp. |
| Wading pools | | | Change water on regular basis. When not being used, empty and lean against side of house. |
| Wagons, trucks, other toys | | | Remove toys from yard, keep under cover or in house. Turn large toys over so they can't hold water. |