
Personal Safety Tips:

1. Whenever possible avoid being outdoors at dusk or dawn.
2. Use insect repellants when outside. Lotion forms are available that can be rubbed on face and neck. Sprays may be used on the rest of the body.
3. Wear light weight, loose fitting clothes (long pants & long sleeve shirts) to cover as much of your body as possible. Remember to spray the clothing, also.
4. Avoid staying in areas where there is tall grass or other shrubs. These are places where adult mosquitoes rest.
5. Repair or replace torn and damaged screens on windows and doors.
6. The mosquito life cycle revolves around water. Remove as many possible breeding sites as you can, from around your home.

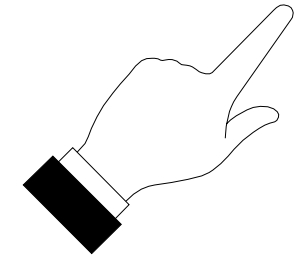
Remember: It is true that some mosquitoes travel long distances, but the ones which carry human diseases usually don't travel more than 300 feet from their breeding site!

For Assistance, Contact Your Mosquito
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318-323-3535

Your Mosquito Abatement District at Work:

1. **Surveillance;** the entire parish will be monitored to determine where our services are most needed. Various kinds of traps will be placed in strategic locations. The mosquitoes collected will be checked to determine the species. The species capable of carrying encephalitis will be tested for the presence of the virus.
2. **Larviciding;** The mosquitoes that transmit disease often breed in septic water, such as sewage ditches, oxidation ponds and other areas holding stagnant water. These areas will be checked on a regular basis and treated as necessary.
3. **Adulticiding;** Adult mosquitoes are killed using chemical sprays from an airplane, spray trucks or hand held foggers. Such applications will be made when appropriate.
4. **Source reduction;** When sources of standing water are physically removed, mosquitoes do not have any where to breed. Every citizen needs to help in this effort by following the suggestions in this brochure.

Your Help Is Needed!

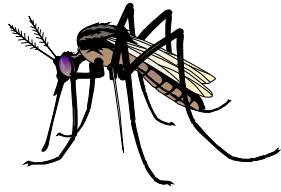


To Stop A Killer!

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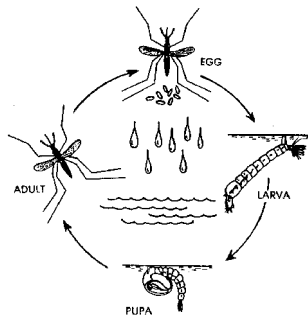




Stop Mosquitoes!

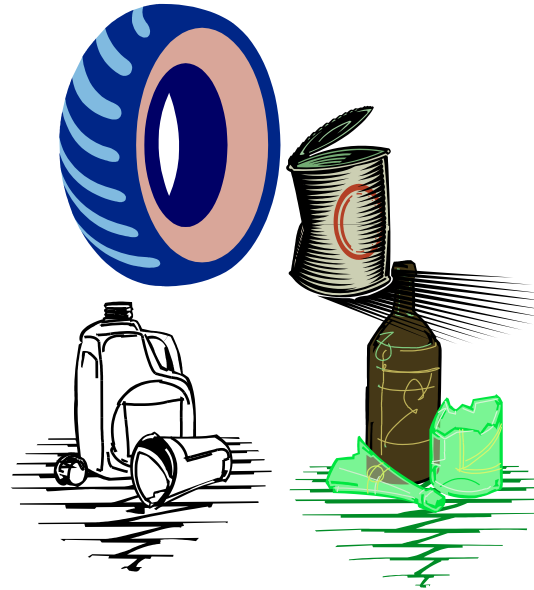
- ◆ Now is the time for every citizen of Ouachita Parish to do their part in the fight against mosquito borne disease.
- ◆ It is very likely that there are places around your home where mosquitoes can breed.
- ◆ The mosquitoes which transmit diseases most often are the Asian Tiger mosquito, *Ae. albopictus* and the southern house mosquito, *C. quinquefasciatus*. Most of our efforts will be directed toward controlling these species. However, these same efforts will also help to control other species.

- ◆ Below is a diagram of the mosquito life cycle. Notice that 3 of the 4 stages occur in water.



How Can You Help?

- ◆ Get rid of old tires, bottles, tin cans, and other containers which may hold water.



- ◆ Dump and refill plastic wading pools weekly. Empty pools and other toys completely and store indoors when not in use.



- ◆ Birdbaths, pet watering dishes and other necessary water containers need to have water changed twice a week.



- ◆ Cover water collection barrels (and other containers) with screen. Make sure there are no gaps around the edge.

