

FIGHT THE BITE... PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST MOSQUITOES

The American Mosquito Control Association recommends the following steps to curb the mosquito population :

- Destroy or dispose of tin cans, old tires, buckets, unused plastic swimming pools or other containers that collect and hold water.
- Do not allow water to accumulate in the saucers of flowerpots, cemetery urns or in pet dishes for more than two days.
- Clean debris from rain gutters and remove any standing water under or around structures or on flat roofs.
- Repair leaks around faucets and air conditioner units.
- Change water in birdbaths and wading pools at least once a week.
- Stock ornamental pools with top feeding predacious minnows.
- Fill or drain puddles, ditches and swampy areas, and either remove, drain or fill tree holes and stumps with mortar. These areas may also be treated with Bti or methoprene products.
- Eliminate seepage from cisterns, cesspools and septic tanks.
- Eliminate standing water around animal watering troughs. Flush livestock water troughs twice a week.
- Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water.

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- Check around construction sites or do-it-yourself improvements to ensure that proper back filling and grading prevent drainage problems.
- Irrigate lawns and gardens carefully to prevent water from standing for several days.
- If ditches do not flow and contain stagnant water for one week or longer, they can produce large numbers of mosquitoes.

All mosquitoes need water to breed. Adult mosquitoes can rest in grass, shrubbery, or other foliage, but they never breed there. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water.

Please, help the City of River Oaks to become a safer place to live for all of us.

