



MOSQUITOES

Tips to “Prevent the Bite” after storms and flooding

Mosquito-proof your property:

- Don't “feed” the **storm drains**. Sweep up lawn clippings, leaves and tree limbs.
- Remove/empty **containers that hold water** (such as tires, flowerpots and toys).
- Change water in **birdbaths and pet water bowls** every 3-5 days.
- Keep **rain gutters** free of debris.
- Make sure **window and door screens** are in good condition.

Protect yourself:

- When outdoors, use an EPA-registered insect repellent that contains one of the following: DEET, picaridin, IR 3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or 2-undecanone. Apply as directed on the label.
- When outdoors, wear long sleeves, long pants, and socks. For infants, place mosquito netting over infant carriers, cribs, and strollers.

Be Aware:

- Stagnant water left behind by floods and rain is an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes. Eliminating stagnant water can decrease your risk of mosquito-borne diseases. Always wear insect repellent when outdoors.



If you think you have been infected with a mosquito borne disease, contact your health care provider.

Protect your family. Protect yourself. Prevent the bite!