



Mosquito Breeding Habitat Prevention Checklist for HOAs and Communities



The United States is home to hundreds of mosquito species, each posing its own dangers to humans, pets, and wildlife. Mosquitoes can carry nearly two dozen infectious diseases that cause a broad spectrum of symptoms, from itchy bites and rashes to life-threatening sickness. Mosquitoes can find ideal breeding habitats in any outdoor space, including urban areas where HOA communities are located.



Refer to our checklist on the back of this sheet to identify and eliminate common mosquito breeding habitats in your community.



Mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk, coinciding with the times that most families are able to enjoy outdoor activities in their communities through swimming, dog walking, grilling, sitting by fire pits, and playing in parks.



Identifying and eliminating common mosquito breeding grounds is key to keeping residents safe from nuisance bites and infectious diseases like Zika, St. Louis Encephalitis, Yellow Fever, West Nile virus, and other dangerous pathogens.



To lay their eggs, mosquitoes require standing water, which can collect in many unexpected places. Eradicating mosquitoes is no simple task. However, getting to the root of the problem by removing, cleaning, or regularly flushing sources of standing water can prevent populations from getting out of hand in the first place.

Checklist for Identifying and Eliminating Mosquito Breeding Habitats



Refer to this checklist when evaluating outdoor areas for standing water:

✓	Cover all trash receptacles
✓	Remove standing water from potted plants
✓	Keep grass cut and shrubbery trimmed
✓	Drain or cover swimming pools
✓	Add fountains to stagnant lakes and ornamental pools
✓	Clean debris from ponds
✓	Dry playground equipment after rainfall
✓	Clean out gutters, bird baths, and rain barrels
✓	Empty and change pet water bowls often
✓	Keep drains, ditches, and culverts clean of weeds and trash
✓	Eliminate seepage from cisterns, cesspools, and septic tanks
✓	Fill in or drain puddles and wet areas
✓	Fix leaking outdoor faucets
✓	Dry lawncare tools, grills, and ashtrays after rainfall
✓	Remove standing water from gardens
✓	Empty fire pits after rainfall



With the support of an Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM) program, property managers can educate employees and residents about the identification and prevention of breeding habitats, as well as ways to better protect themselves and their pets when enjoying the outdoors.