Mosquitoes

Avoid Being Bitten by Mosquitoes

- Clothing will help protect you from mosquito bites. When possible, wear long sleeves, long pants and socks in addition to repellent when outdoors.
- Repel mosquitoes when going outdoors during mosquito season by using repellents that contain an EPA-registered active ingredient such as DEET or picaridin. Follow the directions on the label.
- Be aware of peak mosquito hours. Mosquitoes are most active and biting during the early morning and late evening hours. If outdoors at dawn or dusk, take extra care to use repellent and wear protective clothing.
- Keep window and door screens closed and in good repair to keep mosquitoes out of your house.
- Mosquitoes rest in tall weeds. Keep weeds cut short to help deter mosquitoes.
- Avoiding mosquitoes doesn't mean kids have to stay inside in front of the TV. Get them outside and playing, but remember — a couple of seconds applying an effective repellent to exposed skin and clothing will help everyone stay healthy.
- On children, use products that have no more than 10 percent DEET. Follow the directions on the label.

Drain Water Where Mosquitoes Grow

- Mosquitoes can grow in containers that hold water for more than a week such as pop cans, buckets, bottles and discarded tires.
- Containers that fill with water should be emptied at least once a week.
- Change the water in birdbaths every week.
- Keep rain gutters clean.
- Fix outdoor leaking faucets.
- Clean ditches so water can flow.
- Fill holes that hold water with gravel or dirt.