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Are you raising mosquitoes in your yard?

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BRONSON -- Check around your yard and home for places where water collects such as water-holding containers, house A/C drains, and ornamental ponds – You May Be Raising Mosquitoes!



Here are positive steps you the homeowner can take to reduce this menace.

Get rid of old tires, tin cans, bottles, jars, buckets and other containers.

Empty your small toddler-size wading pool weekly and store it indoors when not in use.

Make certain your backyard swimming pool is properly maintained.

Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets and move air conditioner drain hoses frequently.

Scrub and change the water in bird baths and in vases holding flowers or cuttings twice each week or

grow cuttings in sand.

Empty outside water pans for pets daily.

Clean clogged roof gutters and drain flat roofs and stock ornamental ponds with fish.

With all the recent rain, mosquitoes are going to be hatching out and we all need to remember a few tips to avoid being bitten.

The Five Ds are:

Dusk & Dawn are when mosquitoes are most active so you should avoid being outside at those times. And if you must be outdoors then--

Dress so your skin is covered with clothing. Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt.

Drain any empty containers and stagnant water so mosquito wrigglers can't grow up to become biters.

Deet mosquito repellent is best to protect bare skin and clothing. It is important to remember that DEET is not recommended for children younger than two months old. Instead, avoid exposing your baby to mosquitoes.

Levy County is the home for 40 known species of mosquitoes. They are as different in their feeding and breeding habits as humans are different in their lifestyles.

All mosquitoes must have water to develop. Most prefer slow-moving or stagnant water in which to lay their eggs. One tablespoon of water will breed over 200 mosquitoes. During warm weather, mosquitoes can complete their life cycle in four days.

While there are dozens of mosquito control devices on the market today, the most effective method is to destroy mosquito breeding places. This means getting rid of any standing water conditions around your home.

Practice good "mosquito hygiene" around your home.

It's A Fact....

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For detailed information, visit the website at

<http://levycountymosquitocontrol.org/>.