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Dear Residents,

The Board of Health would like to take the opportunity to remind you that it is mosquito season! Here are some tips to assist in the reduction of mosquitos and mosquito born viruses in your yard, and your neighborhood.

## **Remove Mosquito Habitats**

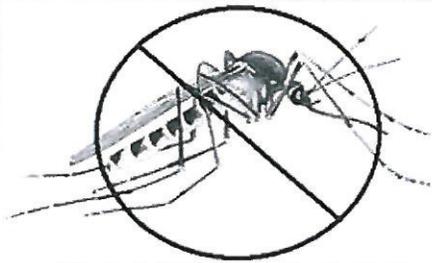
An important part of mosquito control around your home is making sure that mosquitoes don't have a place to lay their eggs. Because mosquitoes need water for two stages of their life cycle, it's important to monitor standing water sources.

- Get rid of standing water in rain gutters, old tires, buckets, plastic covers, toys or any other container where mosquitoes can breed.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels and potted plant trays at least once a week to eliminate potential mosquito habitats.
- Drain temporary pools of water or fill with dirt.
- Keep swimming pool water treated and circulating.

Contact us to ask a question, provide feedback, or report a problem. 508-949-8017 or BOH@dudleyma.gov.

Warm Regards,

Theresa Woodford, Clerk  
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# HOW YOU CAN STOP MOSQUITOES!

## CHECK YOUR YARD & HOME...

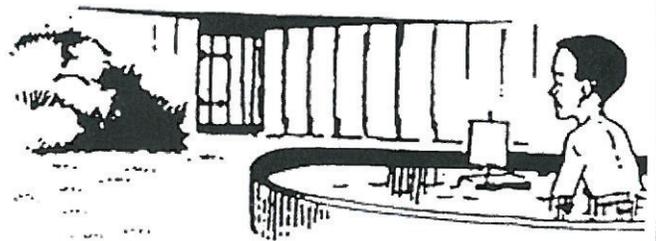
If there are any places around your home where water collects, such as water holding containers, plastic tarps on wood piles, old boats and ornamental ponds - **YOU MAY BE RAISING MOSQUITOES!**

**You should...** Get rid of old tires, tin cans, bottles, jars, buckets, drums and other containers, or empty them on a weekly basis.



**IF IT HOLDS WATER FOR MORE THAN A WEEK, YOU COULD BE PRODUCING YOUR OWN MOSQUITOES!!**

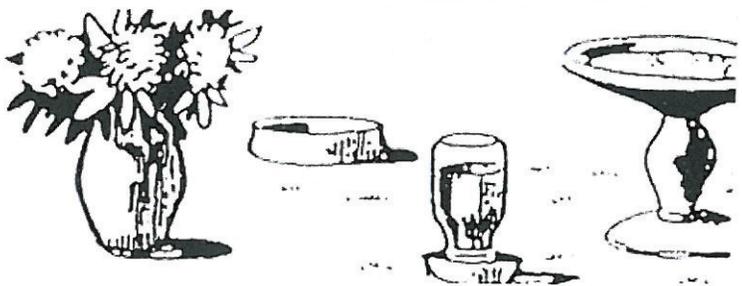
**You should...** Empty your small toddler-size plastic wading pool weekly and store it indoors when not in use. Make certain your backyard swimming pool is properly cared for while on vacation.



**You should...** Repair leaky pipes, outside faucets, and move basement sump drain hoses frequently if water pools at the outlet.



**You should...** Change water and scrub vases holding flowers or cuttings twice each week - or grow cuttings in sand; scrub and change water in bird baths twice weekly; empty water pans for pets daily.



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