

Mosquito Facts

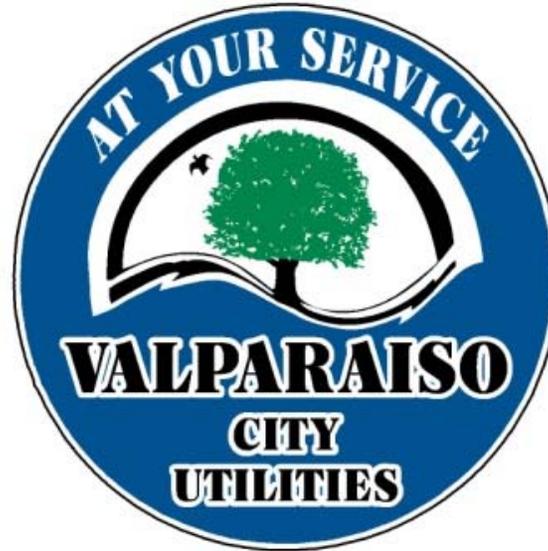
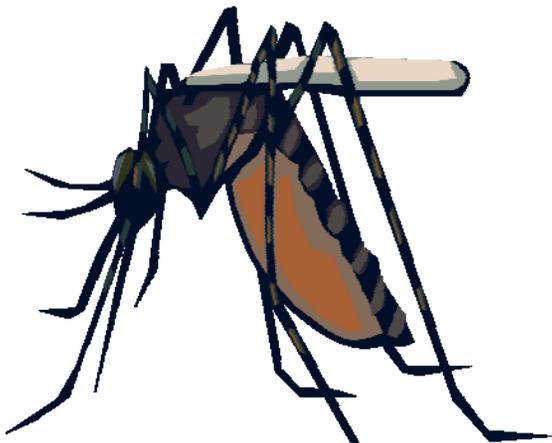
All mosquitoes must have water in which to complete their life cycle.

Only seven days are required to complete their life cycle (egg to adult) during warm weather.

Mosquitoes do not develop in grass or shrubbery, although flying adults frequently rest in these areas during daylight hours.

Only the female mosquito bites to obtain a blood meal. The male mosquito feeds only on plant nectar.

The female mosquito may live as long as three weeks during the summer or many months over the winter in order to lay her eggs in the following spring.



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**BREEDING
MOSQUITOES**



**IN YOUR OWN
BACKYARD**

Your Responsibility As A Property Owner

Yard and Home Checklist

- ◆ Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there.
- ◆ To clear your property of any potential breeding sites.
- ◆ To prevent any problem areas from reoccurring.

Mosquitoes are an all too familiar summer nuisance. They are not only annoying, but they can be transmitters of cephalitis, malaria, yellow fever and West Nile virus to humans and heartworm to pets.

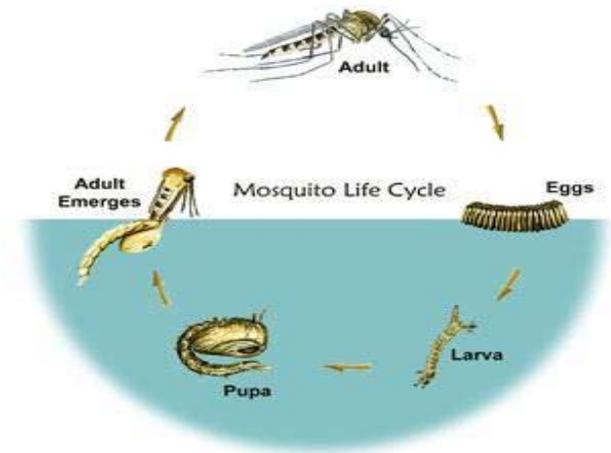
You can take simple, positive steps to reduce this menace right at home, since many generations of mosquitoes can breed right in your own yard.



- ◆ Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water holding containers.
- ◆ Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in yard.
- ◆ Keep drains, ditches and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly.
- ◆ Cover trash containers to keep out rain water.
- ◆ Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.
- ◆ Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store them indoors when not in use. Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation.
- ◆ Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete.
- ◆ Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once a week.

Standing Water Means You Could Be Raising Mosquitoes!

Adult flying mosquitoes often rest in tall grass and shrubbery, but they cannot develop there. All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.



Some mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water where they hatch in just a day or two. Other mosquitoes may lay their eggs in old tires, tin cans, or other water-holding containers. The eggs may remain unhatched for weeks, months or even years until they are covered with water!

So, after any significant rainfall remember to remove any standing water from your yard and help keep mosquitoes from hatching!