

CUYAHOGA COUNTY
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Community Information Director:

Please place the message below in any print and/or electronic format from your office to residents in your community to help educate them on simple steps to help prevent mosquito breeding. Thank you.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) would like to remind residents of the steps they can take to help reduce the local mosquito population. Some mosquitoes breed in standing water in the woods, some in artificial containers (like buckets), while others prefer clogged gutters. Eliminating standing water will help reduce the population of biting adult mosquitoes in the future. Taking the following steps now will allow you to enjoy your backyard activities later this summer:

- Clean your gutters often to keep them flowing
- Remove or properly store children's toys that can collect water
- Place the lids on your garbage cans to keep rain out
- Maintain your ornamental pond or bird bath
- Cover your rain barrel openings with screening
- Prevent mosquito and tick bites by using insect repellent and follow label directions
- Fill in low spots in your yard
- Maintain your pool in good operating shape. Keep stagnant water off the cover when not in use
- Remove containers that may hold water (buckets, tires, etc.) from behind garages or sheds
- Clean out any roadside or drainage ditches so that water can flow properly

These easy steps will help prevent mosquitoes from becoming a problem in your yard and will help reduce the chance of someone in your family becoming infected with a mosquito-borne disease. CCBH staff responds to mosquito complaints and applies mosquito control products from early spring into the fall. Assist our office in protecting your community from mosquito-borne disease by routinely following the steps described above.

The CCBH will have its adult mosquito surveillance data available on our website after June 1. Please visit our website at www.ccbh.net for more information or call us at 216-201-2000 to discuss a mosquito problem.