



Situational Awareness Bulletin

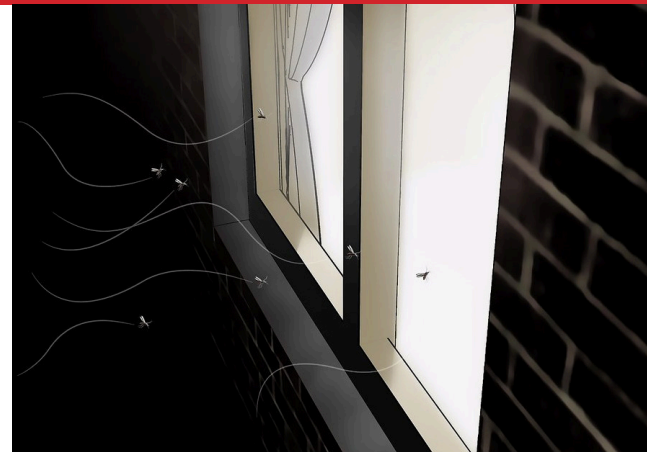
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TIPS FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL

HELP CONTROL MOSQUITOES THAT SPREAD DENGUE, CHIKUNGUNYA AND ZIKA VIRUSES

- Female mosquitoes lay several hundred eggs on the walls of water filled containers. Eggs stick to containers like glue and remain until they are scrubbed off. When water covers the eggs, they hatch and become adults in about a week.
- Adult mosquitoes live inside and outside.
- A few infected mosquitoes can produce large outbreaks in a community and put your family at risk of becoming sick.



PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY FROM MOSQUITOES:

1 Eliminate standing water in and around your home:

- Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.
- Tightly cover water storage containers (buckets, cisterns, rain barrels) so that mosquitoes cannot get inside to lay eggs.
- For containers without lids, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.

2 If you have a septic tank, follow these steps:

- Repair cracks or gaps.
- Cover open vent or plumbing pipes. Use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.

3 Keep mosquitoes out of your home:

- Use screens on windows and doors.
- Repair holes in screens.
- Use air conditioning when available.



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