

MOSQUITOES

UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM...

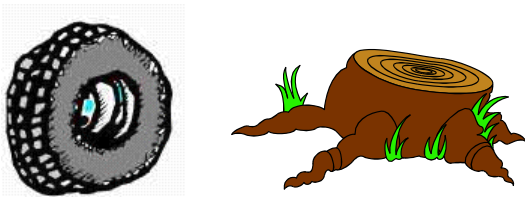
Adult (flying) mosquitoes frequently rest in grass, shrubbery or other foliage, but never develop there. All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.

Mosquitoes begin developing in March, when snows melt and water drains into depressions in wooded areas. Flooded depressions provide suitable habitat for hatching and development which can occur continually through the summer months. Any water left standing for seven to ten days is sufficient to maintain most life cycles.

MOSQUITOES CAN BE CONTROLLED...

The most effective and economical method of reducing adult mosquitoes over a large area is to prevent emergence from as many breeding areas as possible. Adult mosquitoes, once emerged, disperse over large areas; hence, it is easier to control the larvae when they are concentrated in the water.

BREEDING SITES...



WHAT YOU CAN DO...

Rid your yard of breeding sites such as low tree holes (which can be filled and capped with recommended material such as gypsum wool rock, insulating material), and water holding containers such as tires, cans and buckets which can produce the mosquito which carries La Crosse encephalitis. Once the virus establishes in a breeding site, it can become a source of disease bearing mosquitoes for years.

Empty, remove, cover or turn upside down any receptacle that could hold water to reduce mosquito breeding. Properly discard unwanted tires and keep wanted tires inside or under cover.

Wear clothing that is protective and as a temporary measure use insect repellent, but only on the clothing of children under six years of age.

If your child develops symptoms of fever, severe headache, vomiting, drowsiness, or convulsions, get medical attention immediately.

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