



An adult female mosquito lays about 100-400 eggs in clusters called rafts, which float on the surface of the water, or eggs can be laid singly on the surface of the water or the waters edge depending on the species of mosquito. Within 2-3 days the eggs hatch into larvae.

Mosquitoes breed in stagnant, standing fresh water often found around our homes. After rain, new breeding grounds are created increasing the mosquito population in our communities. Here is a checklist to minimize you and your family's exposure to these pests:

- Look for any containers capable of holding water and be sure to empty them weekly. You can also turn them over or drill holes in the bottom to prevent water from collecting.
- Clean out your gutters regularly. By letting water run smoothly through your gutters, water won't get trapped and mosquitoes won't be able to breed there.
- Keep vegetation on your property trimmed and frequently mow the lawn to reduce air pockets mosquitoes gravitate to during daylight hours.
- If you have a rain collection system, be sure to cover rain barrels with screening. In addition, bird baths should be dumped or flushed weekly.
- Children's toys and pet dishes should be stored inside or turned upside down so water cannot collect. If pet dishes are left outside, be sure to rinse weekly.
- Drill holes in the bottom of garbage cans, recycle bins, and tire swings to allow water to drain while it's raining and after.
- For unused pools, use a larvicide such as Pure Solutions' Bti treatments and be sure pool covers are drained. Mosquitoes will not breed in maintained pools.
- Empty saucers of potted plants and flush plants, like elephant ears, that collect water. A routine spray service will also eliminate mosquito larvae and eggs.