

# pure solutions<sup>®</sup> Mosquito Breeding Home Checklist



An adult female mosquito lays between 100–400 eggs at a time, often in clusters called rafts that float on the surface of the water. Depending on the species, some may lay eggs singly on the water's surface or along the water's edge. Within 2–3 days, these eggs hatch into larvae.

Mosquitoes breed in stagnant, standing freshwater commonly found around our homes. After it rains, new breeding grounds quickly form, leading to an increase in mosquito populations in our communities. Use this checklist to help minimize 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 that 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 them 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.
- ☐ 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.

Check out the other resources to learn more, including information about our microbial larvicide treatment that eliminates mosquito larvae before they become adults.