

Due to the LARGE amount of RAIN that we have had, the City has received several calls concerning our summertime friends the MOSQUITOES 😞 We reached out to the Toledo Area Sanitary District for information for you.

When it comes to protecting yourself and your family from biting mosquitoes, you should focus on the three “D’s” of mosquito control: **D**ress, **D**efend, and **D**rain!

Dress & Defend

The best way to defend yourself against mosquitoes is to try and avoid mosquito-infested areas or stay indoors when mosquitoes are active during the peak biting times of dawn and dusk. Also, make sure your home is properly equipped with tight-fitting doors and window screens that will keep mosquitoes from coming inside. If you are outside during times of the day when mosquitoes are active, following these tips can help reduce your chances of being bitten.

Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors or in an unscreened structure. * Wear light-colored clothing, loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and pants. * Avoid excessive physical exertion. * Use colognes and perfumes sparingly. * Use mosquito repellent.



Drain

You can reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home neighborhood by eliminating places where they lay their eggs. Young mosquitoes are aquatic, and they must have standing water to develop from egg to adult. Here are some simple steps you can take:

Dispose of open containers which can fill with water * Properly dispose of discarded tires. * Empty bird baths and fill with fresh water at least once a week. * Check and clean clogged roof gutters so they will drain properly. * Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use. * Turn over wheelbarrows. * Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. * Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property. * Children’s toys and tarps covering cars, boat, and other equipment can also hold water. * Cover trash containers to prevent rain-water accumulation. * Tarp boats and canoes or turn them over. * Keep ditches and streams adjoining your property free of grass clippings, garbage, and other debris, which will obstruct the natural flow of water. * Fill in tree-rot holes with cement. * Cover rain barrels with screening. Tightly cover wells, septic tanks, cisterns, and cesspools.



Any citizen of Lucas County can request nighttime fogging for any area of the county as frequently as you would like. Requests will be taken into consideration when prioritizing and scheduling treatment areas. To make a nighttime fogging request, you may call our office during normal business hours 419-726-7891, or the preferred method is to simply visit our website www.tasd-mosquitoes.org and click on the red tab on the right side of the webpage to “Request a T ASD Service”.

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Information taken from the T ASD website:



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