

Help to control mosquitoes

Mosquitoes need standing water to breed.

As little as a cupful of standing water is enough for hundreds of eggs to develop into adult mosquitoes.

Find out how you can help to control mosquitoes around your property...



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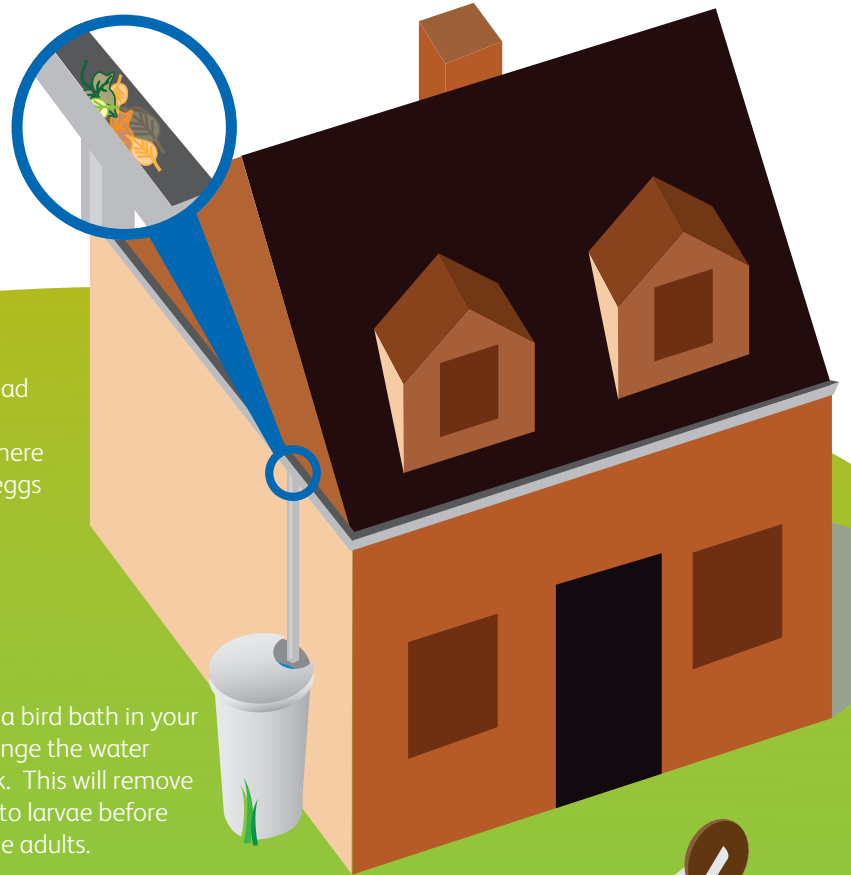


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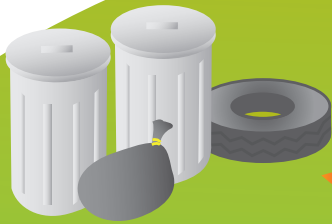
Help control **mosquitoes** in your area

Thames Water follows a strict year-round programme to control mosquitoes at Mogden Sewage Treatment Works. The London Boroughs of Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames also take action to prevent mosquitoes breeding outside the site. You too can help to control mosquitoes in your area.

By getting rid of any standing water around your house and garden, you can help to stop mosquitoes breeding. **Mosquitoes need standing water to lay eggs.**



Keep your gutters and flat roofs clear from dead leaves. If they are left, they can trap water, where mosquitoes could lay eggs



Do not keep litter or used tyres lying around. Water can collect here and provide mosquitoes with a good breeding site.



If you have a bird bath in your garden, change the water once a week. This will remove any mosquito larvae before they become adults.



If you use a plastic sheet or tarpaulin to cover your garden furniture, arrange it so that any water can drain away.



You can also keep fish in your garden pond, as many species will eat mosquito larvae living in the water.

If you are collecting rain water in a water butt, make sure the lid is properly sealed. This will stop mosquitoes entering and breeding.



Turn over wheelbarrows, buckets, dustbin lids and other containers that can collect and hold water when you are not using them.

Insect repellent

There are many insect repellents available. These and other chemicals work to repel mosquitoes. Always use these products according to the manufacturer's instructions, especially when used near small children. There are also natural insect repellents on the market.

If you find mosquitoes...

Please contact your local authority if you find mosquitoes in, or around, your home or you are worried about being bitten. Your local authority will be able to investigate and provide you with advice.

Contact us

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