

West Nile Virus

Mosquito Control

Together we can eliminate potential mosquito breeding grounds and increase our enjoyment of the great outdoors.



Mosquitoes are an all too familiar summer nuisance. They are not only annoying, but they can be transmitters of West Nile virus to humans, and heartworms to pets.

You can take simple positive steps to reduce this menace right at home, since many generations of mosquitoes can breed right in your own yard.

Standing water means you could be raising mosquitoes!



Adult flying mosquitoes often rest in tall grass and shrubbery, but they cannot develop there. All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.

Some mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water where they hatch in just a day or two. Other mosquitoes may lay their eggs in old tires, tin cans, or other water-holding containers. The eggs may remain unhatched for weeks or even months until they are covered with water!



So, after any rainfall remember to remove any standing water from your yard and help keep mosquitoes from hatching.

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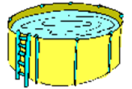
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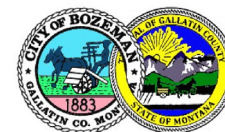


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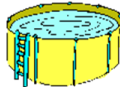
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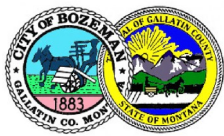
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