

## Protect Your Family

*Remember the Four D's to defend yourself against mosquitoes*



**Dusk/Dawn** are the times of day you should try to stay indoors. This is when mosquitoes are most active.

**Dress** in long sleeves and pants when you're outside. For extra protection, you may want to spray thin clothing with repellent.



**Deet** is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. Always wear repellent when outdoors and choose products that contain up to 20 percent deet.

**Drain** standing water in your backyard. Watering bowls, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters are just a few sites that mosquitoes use to breed.



## For more information:

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## Health

# Mosquito Control



What you need to know.



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Mosquitoes are more than just an annoyance. The City of Arnold has one of the most advanced mosquito control programs in the Midwest to help protect our residents from mosquito bites and the diseases they spread.

Please take the reasonable precautions mentioned in this brochure to help control the mosquito population in Arnold.

### Why do we need mosquito control?

Aside from being itchy and annoying, the bite of an infected female mosquito can spread viruses such as West Nile, Dengue, Chikungunya, Encephalitis, Malaria, and Zika. People may become infected after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

Mosquitoes can develop from eggs to adults in as little as seven days. Different types of mosquitoes bite during different times of the day and night. Since there are no vaccines or medications to treat the viruses mosquitoes spread, the best thing to do is to control mosquito populations and prevent bites.



### How does the City help control mosquitoes?

We are working to control and reduce the number of mosquitoes by:

- Teaching Arnold residents to protect themselves from mosquitoes
- Removing standing water
- Applying larvicide to kill young mosquitoes
- Spraying pesticides to kill adult mosquitoes

### Are the pesticides safe?

Pesticides applied by Arnold's Health, Vector, & Animal Control Department for mosquito control pose little risk to people and pets.

Some people who are sensitive to spray ingredients may experience short term eye or throat irritation, or a rash. People with asthma and other respiratory conditions may also be affected.

### During spraying:

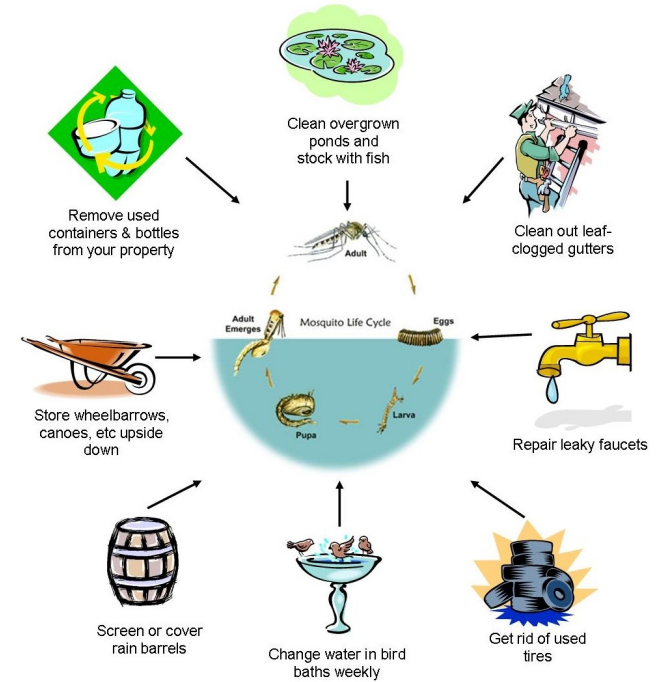
- Stay indoors, whenever possible.
- Air conditioners can remain on. While unnecessary, you may wish to close air conditioner vents, or choose the recirculate function.

### After spraying:

- While unnecessary, you can wash outdoor toys and equipment with soap and water.
- Wash skin and clothing exposed to pesticides with soap and water.
- Always wash fruits and vegetables before consumption.

### How can I help control mosquitoes?

Mosquitoes need water to lay their eggs. Even very small amounts of water, in a space as small as a bottle cap, can serve as a breeding ground. Do your part to get rid of standing water on your property.



### What else can I do?

The Four D's, which are listed on the other side of this flap, are important precautions to take against mosquito bites.

Residents may request an inspection, in which a member of City Staff will come to your property and look for areas of concern and offer ideas to reduce mosquito breeding near your home. Call (636) 282-2387 for more information.