

MOSQUITOES ONLY  
NEED ONE INCH OF  
WATER TO BREED.

MOSQUITOES CAN  
GROW UP IN AS  
LITTLE AS ONE  
WEEK.

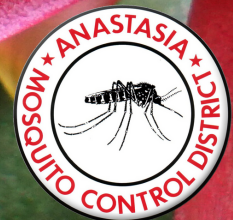
- Mosquito eggs hatch after touching water
- Larvae spend 5 days in stagnant water
- They pupate for 2-3 days
- Then they emerge as adults

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**All it takes is an inch  
of water and a week  
for you to have a  
mosquito problem.  
Know your containers  
and what to do about  
them! Dump, Drain,  
and Cover.**

**Containers  
&  
Mosquitoes**







# WHAT IS CONSIDERED A CONTAINER?

Anything that can hold water!

**POSSIBLE CONTAINERS AROUND HOMES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

Tires, buckets, clogged gutters, flower pots, watering cans, childrens' toys, rain barrels, boats, garbage, and bird baths.

If you have any containers in your yard, you should consider doing the following:

- Dump any standing water you find
- Turn over containers
- Flush bird baths once a week
- Throw away any garbage around your yard
- Cover things like boats, ect.

## NATURAL CONTAINERS

Things in nature that hold water can also be considered containers. Plants can sometimes hold water that is hard to see.

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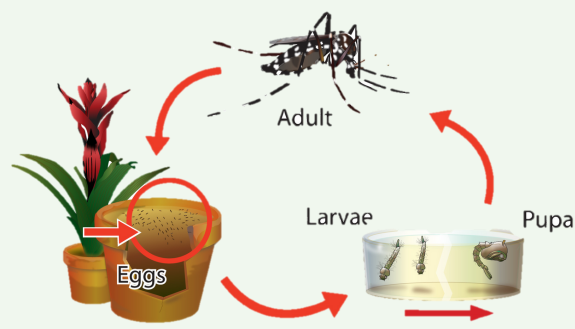
Bromeliads, bamboo, tree stumps, and tree holes.

If you have any natural containers in your yard, you should consider doing the following:

- Flush out bromeliads once a week
- Clear cut bamboo
- Fill stumps and tree holes with sand

## MOSQUITOES NEED WATER TO BREED

Mosquitoes start their lives in water. A female mosquito will lay her eggs near or on water, or in places she knows will eventually hold water. Her eggs then hatch into larvae. These larvae turn into pupae, which turn into adult mosquitoes.



## CONTAINER BREEDING MOSQUITOES

Some mosquito species are "container-breeders," which means that they like to lay their eggs in containers. In St. Johns County, two of our more important container breeding mosquitoes are *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*. These two mosquitoes lay their eggs in containers around homes, they prefer to feed on humans, and they have the potential to transmit Zika, Dengue, and Yellow Fever, which makes them a public health concern.