



# MOSQUITOES BUGGING YOU?

**Did you know** that you can get help for mosquito problems in West Virginia? If you are finding lots of mosquitoes around your home or in another area of your community, let your local health department (LHD) know! Public health officials can visit sites where mosquitoes are breeding and help you get rid of them. Mosquitoes can carry diseases like West Nile Virus and La Crosse encephalitis that can make people very sick.

**Did you know** that mosquitoes like to lay their eggs in water-holding containers? Some of their favorite containers are old tires, planters, and kid's pools. If you think the containers in your yard are attracting mosquitoes, here are things you can do:

- Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out containers that hold water.
- If you have to store water in containers, make sure they are tightly covered to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs.
- Keep your yard free leaves and high grasses. These are good food sources for young mosquitoes.

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**Thank you for helping us make public health work for you!**