

# CUYAHOGA COUNTY

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# BOARD OF HEALTH

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## **CONTROLLING MOSQUITOES IN YOUR YARD & NEIGHBORHOOD**

Mosquitoes can breed in many places around your yard including areas of standing water, unused tires, kiddie pools, and clogged gutters. Eliminating standing water will help to reduce the population of biting adult mosquitoes and allow you to better enjoy the outdoors this summer.

- Clean your gutters often to keep them flowing.
- Remove or properly store children's toys that can collect water.
- Place the lids on your garbage cans to keep rain out.
- Maintain your ornamental pond or bird bath.
- Cover your rain barrel openings with screening.
- Store wheel barrows upside down or on end.
- Fill in low spots in your yard.
- Maintain your pool and keep stagnant water off the cover when not in use.
- Remove containers that may hold water (buckets, tires, etc.) from behind garages or sheds.
- Clean out any roadside or drainage ditches so that water can flow properly.

Following these tips will help prevent mosquitoes from living in your yard and also reduce the chances of your family becoming infected with a mosquito-borne disease.

Our staff will respond to mosquito complaints and apply mosquito control products from early spring into the fall. You can help us to protect your community from mosquito-borne disease by routinely following the steps listed above.

Please visit our website at [www.ccbh.net](http://www.ccbh.net) for more information or call us at 216-201-2000 to discuss a mosquito problem.

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