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Although recent rains have helped improved our drought conditions, they have also provided the perfect opportunity for breeding mosquitoes. The best known solution for controlling mosquitoes is to eliminate their habitat. Standing water is the primary ingredient that provides mosquitoes a place in which to breed. Mosquitoes are known to breed in small containers, such as those often found in backyards and can go from egg to biting mosquito in as little as one week!

**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!
 ELIMINATE MOSQUITOES IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD!**

- ✓ **Clean out your gutters and down spouts to let water run freely.**
- ✓ **Replace water DAILY in wading pools, bird baths & pet watering bowls.**
- ✓ **Keep your lawn cut short & shrubbery trimmed.**
- ✓ **Stock your water garden with fish.**
- ✓ **Remove water from all containers such as: old tires, buckets, wheelbarrows, potted plant drain pans, abandoned swimming pools and water gardens, yard waste and trash receptacles, boat and equipment tarps.**
- ✓ **Fill-in low spots in your yard to prevent standing water**
- ✓ **If you have a neighbor who is elderly or disabled, ask permission to help eliminate standing water in their yard too.**
- ✓ **See the Internet for many sources of Purple Martin birdhouse information.**

To get the most from your summer gardening, sports and outdoor leisure time, take steps to eliminate standing water, protect yourself and your children by wearing light colored clothing and use mosquito repellent as directed by the manufacturer.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!