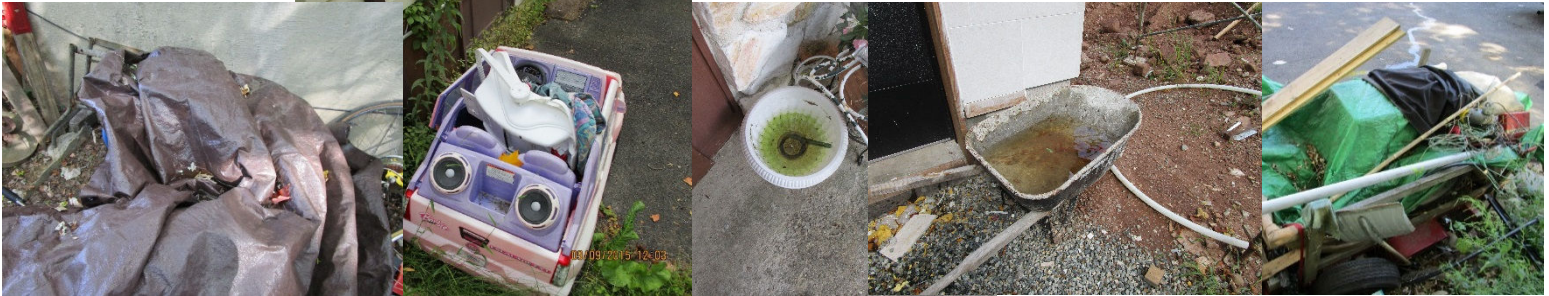


RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO KEEP ITEMS ON YOUR PROPERTY MOSQUITO FREE AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW



Many objects typically found on private or commercial properties can create commonly overlooked mosquito breeding habitats. Whether you have a back yard full of children's toys and lawn ornaments or tarps covering your firewood, you are required by the Rockland County Sanitary Code to store or maintain these objects, so they are unable to hold water. Below are several suggestions on how to stay in compliance and avoid getting a potential fine!

1. **CONTAINERS**: Objects such as wheelbarrows, buckets, garbage cans, boats and plastic toys should be kept sheltered from the elements and/or positioned in a way where they will not collect water
 - a. **TIP AND FLIP**: If the container cannot be stored in a shed, garage or similar, store them upside down or in a manner that they will not hold standing water.
 - b. **TREAT WITH A LARVICIDE: Containers** can be treated with a larvicide (a product that kills mosquitoes before they emerge into adults). Mosquito larvicides can be purchased at most home improvement stores, garden centers, or on the Internet. **If you are going to use a pesticide on your property, the Rockland County Sanitary Code requires you to display a posting that includes the product label, date of treatment, amount of product used and the applicator's contact information. Please follow all label directions.**
2. **TARPS**: If you need to use tarps, please make sure that they are pulled tight so you do not create pockets for water to collect. If there are any pockets, they will hold water, they will breed mosquitoes and you will be in violation of the law.



For more information, please visit www.RocklandCountyNY.gov/departments/health

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE ARE JUST SUGGESTIONS. THESE PRACTICES ARE ONLY ACCEPTABLE IF THEY ARE EFFECTIVE. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ITEMS/AREAS OF CONCERN ARE NOT CAPABLE OF HOLDING WATER. IF ANY NON-ESSENTIAL WATER IS FOUND, IT IS A VIOLATION OF THE LAW!

To ensure compliance and avoid fines, or to report improper storage or other mosquito breeding concerns

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