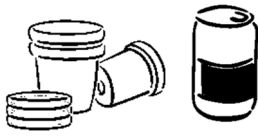




Help Control Mosquitoes that Potentially Spread the Zika Virus

Aside from being itchy and annoying, the bite of an infected female Asian Tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*) can potentially spread the West Nile, Zika and Chikungunya viruses, in addition to dog heartworm. This aggressive mosquito species is black with white stripes on its legs, and a white stripe down the middle of its head and back. These stripes give it the name “Tiger” mosquito. This mosquito prefers to breed in artificial containers, such as tires, buckets, tarps & plastic covers, planters, trash containers and many other common containers capable of holding water that are likely to be on your property. Unlike many of the other mosquitoes we have in Rockland, the Tiger mosquito prefers to bite during the day, not just at dusk and dawn! The best protection against the Tiger mosquito is to simply eliminate the places they can breed on your property!

To reduce mosquito breeding around your property, take these 3 steps:

- 1. Check your yard for ANY items that can hold water. Even the smallest amount of standing water can serve as a breeding site.** The Asian Tiger mosquito lays its eggs in these sites and they hatch within a few days. Even small items such as drinking cups or soda cans can hold enough water to allow mosquitoes to breed.
- 2. Get rid of unnecessary items or empty the water out and scrub the inside of the container at least once a week.** The Asian Tiger mosquito lays its eggs on the walls of containers. Just emptying the water will not remove the eggs, you need to scrub them off.
- 3. Spread the word!** These mosquitoes do not typically travel far from their breeding site. They may fly from yard to yard within a neighborhood. So the mosquitoes that are biting you in your yard most likely are breeding in your yard – or in your neighbor’s yard. Talk to your neighbors about the Tiger so you all can enjoy the outdoors without being bitten!

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PLEASE REMEMBER, IT IS YOUR OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH THE LAWS OF ROCKLAND COUNTY, INCLUDING THOSE THAT REQUIRE YOU TO MAINTAIN YOUR PROPERTY FREE OF MOSQUITOES!

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