

Norfolk County Mosquito Control District



The Problem:

- Mosquitoes are not just a nuisance issue, they carry many different diseases that are transmittable to humans.
- Mosquitoes are impossible to eliminate, but we can work to manage them and reduce the risk of disease transmission to the public...with your help!



Integrated pest management

- Integrated pest management (IPM) uses a combination of different control methods (biological, mechanical, etc.) to reduce the need for chemical pesticide application.
- This is an important part of managing mosquito resistance to pesticides as well as protecting non-target organisms from exposure to pesticides.

What we do:

- We service 25 towns in Norfolk county, MA
- Mosquito surveillance – we monitor mosquito populations to help us make decisions about when and how to intervene.
- Larvicide and adulticide – we use aerial and ground applications of EPA approved pesticides to control both the larval and adult stages of mosquito populations, targeting important nuisance and disease transmitting species.
- Source reduction – we identify mosquito breeding sites and work to make the habitat unsuitable for mosquitoes by eliminating the water source or allowing for water flow and presence of predators.



Mosquitoes need a stagnant water source to complete development



What YOU can do:

Be aware of standing water sources on your property. Common culprits include: bird baths, pet dishes, abandoned swimming pools, plant pots, garbage and recycle bins, tires, kiddie pools, ornamental ponds, swimming pool covers, clogged gutters, and many more!

- Drain or remove standing water sources, do not let water accumulate on your property for more than seven days.
- Add mosquito eating fish to ornamental ponds.
- Chlorinate swimming pools.
- Clear rain gutters.
- Change water in outdoor pet dishes and bird baths each week.



Protect yourself:

- Avoid outdoor activity during dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active.
- Cover up, wear long sleeves, pants, and socks when possible.
- Use EPA approved repellents such as DEET, which can be applied to skin avoiding contact with face, follow the label directions!
- Permethrin products, DO NOT APPLY TO SKIN, for use on clothing only, follow label directions!



Find us at:

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Other resources:

The CDC and EPA websites
The Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Your local Board of Health

