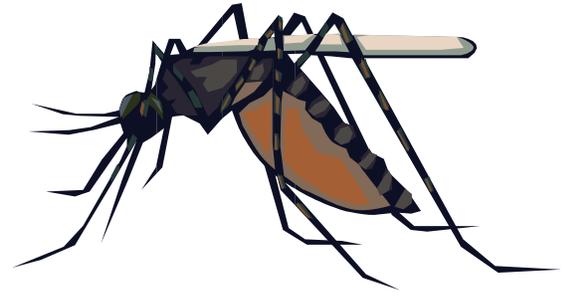


# SURVIVING MOSQUITO SEASON



- **While the recent rains are more than welcome in our area; the mosquitoes that come with it are definitely not welcome.**
- **City crews are targeting areas of standing water in the public rights of way with a special insecticide that kills mosquitoes and their larvae.**
- **Unlike other larger cities, the City of Boerne does not currently have the resources to spray insecticide throughout our neighborhoods.**

## WHAT YOU CAN DO IN YOUR OWN YARD:

- ~ Since mosquitoes breed in stagnant water, and can do so even in very small quantities, remove any possible breeding areas where mosquitoes could lay eggs.
- ~ Eliminate sources of standing water in your yard (for example, flower pots, gardening cans, wheelbarrows, puddles) and store items that must remain in your yard, such as boats or gardening containers, upside down.
- ~ Empty tire swings of any water and, if possible, replace the swings with other types.
- ~ Cover any garbage, recycling or composting containers, to prevent water from accumulating in them.
- ~ Drill holes in the bottom of containers that must be left outdoors.
- ~ Replace water in bird baths and outdoor pet dishes at least every week to help eliminate stagnant water in them and also provide fresh water.
- ~ Empty your rain barrel if the water is more than a week old.
- ~ Keep your swimming pool aerated, cleaned and chlorinated, even if it is not being used.
- ~ Dump any water that collects on your swimming pool cover.
- ~ Turn over plastic wading pools when they're not being used. Change the water in your wading pool at least each week.
- ~ Keep your gutters clean to prevent standing water.
- ~ Check under shrubbery and lawn coverings for hidden containers.
- ~ Use landscaping to eliminate water that collects in low areas on your property. Mosquitoes can develop in any puddle that lasts more than 7-10 days during the summer.
- ~ Repair any leaks from outdoor water pipes, joints or hoses. Replace washers on outdoor taps that drip.
- ~ Check with your local home improvement store or nursery for pest control products that are available for residential use.

