



Mosquitos are not only a nuisance, they can transmit diseases. Protect yourself, your family and your pets. Your best defense is to practice these habits, known as the "Four Ds":

## DEET

Use insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

## DRESS

Dress in long sleeves and long pants when you are outside.

## DRAIN

Drain standing water where mosquitos breed. Common breeding sites include old tires, flowerpots and clogged rain gutters.

## DUSK & DAWN

Stay indoors at dusk and dawn, when mosquitos are most active.

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# FIGHT the BITE



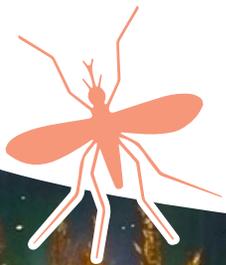
Mosquito control in Sugar Land requires participation on the part of both the City of Sugar Land and its residents. Learn what you can do to make those mosquitos buzz off.





## Personal Protection

- Use insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus whenever outdoors. Do not allow young children to apply repellent to themselves; have an adult do it for them.
- Avoid going outside at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. If possible, wear long sleeved shirts when outdoors at these times. Place mosquito netting over baby carriers.
- Clothing, hats, shoes, bed nets, jackets, and camping gear can be treated with permethrin for added protection. Sprays with permethrin that are specifically for use to treat clothing and gear are available on the market.



## Mosquito Proofing

- Don't let mosquitos make you a prisoner in your own home. There are a number of ways to eliminate mosquito populations in yards and around houses.
- Avoid over-watering plants and lawns. Landscaping with mosquito repellent plants can also help. Basil, rose-scented monarda, catnip, thyme, marigolds, rosemary and lemon grass will discourage mosquitos.
- Repair leaky plumbing and outside faucets. Also, empty condensation pans for air conditioners and refrigerators.
- Make sure the screens on windows and doors are in good condition.
- Gutters should be free of debris so that water can flow out and not create a moist habitat.
- To control mosquitos inside your house, use a "flying insect spray."

## Drain Standing Water

- Standing water creates a perfect mosquito nursery. Emptying still or stagnant water at least weekly will keep mosquitos from breeding.
- Place "mosquito dunks" wherever water accumulates around your home, such as in water gardens, bird baths and rain gutters. Mosquito dunks are donut-shaped blocks that contain a natural mosquito larvicide derived from bacteria. Dunks are harmless to birds, fish, wildlife and pets.
- Drain water from "tree holes" and stumps or fill them with mortar. A tree hole is a naturally occurring cavity in a tree.
- Empty, invert or cover swimming pools and boats when not in use.
- Change the water in bird baths and pet water bowls at least twice a week.



For information on how the City controls the mosquito population, visit [www.sugarlandtx.gov/fightthebite](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/fightthebite).