



Mosquito Surveillance | Container Breeding

Information for Occupants

To the householder

Livingstone Shire Council Officers have conducted container breeding mosquito surveillance at:

Mosquitoes need water to breed. Many mosquitoes around your home and in your neighbourhood are likely to come from containers with water in them found around the house and yard.

Mosquitoes breeding was not found at this address during this survey.

OR

Mosquito breeding was found at this address in the following locations:

- Pot plant bases | pots | self watering pots
- Buckets | Striking buckets
- Small | Medium | Large containers
- Garden ornaments
- Tyre | Rims
- Bird bath
- Tarp | Black plastic
- Palm fronds
- Bromeliads
- Swimming pool | wading pool
- Children's toys
- Boat | car
- Tree holes
- Fence post | pipe
- Other

NOTE: Roof gutters, rain water tanks and drain traps may not have been checked at this visit, however they are capable of breeding mosquitoes if not properly maintained or screened.

* If mosquito breeding was found, the water should be removed and the container wiped clean to remove any remaining eggs. If this is not a suitable option, additional treatment options are available. Please consult your local government for further information.

The Risks

- Mosquitoes that breed around houses can transmit disease such as Ross River Virus, Barmah Forest and Dengue to humans and heartworms to dogs.
- Under the Public Health Regulation 2005, it is an offence to have mosquitoes breeding in water at a place and penalties may apply.

Your Actions

Reduce the number of mosquitoes and risk of illness to yourself, your family, pets and community by:

- Removing unused containers and other stockpiled objects likely to hold water from your yard;
- Ensuring containers can drain or fill containers like pot plant bases and tree holes with sand;
- Draining or tipping the water out of containers holding water, as soon as possible after rainfall or at least once every week, then wipe the inside of containers to remove mosquito eggs;
- Ensuring rainwater and other water storage tanks are fully and correctly screened; and
- Keeping roof gutters and drain traps free of vegetation and other extraneous matter.

For other treatment options or further information contact Livingstone Shire Council on 4913 5000 or visit www.livingstone.qld.gov.au alternatively visit the Queensland Health Mosquito-borne Diseases website <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/mozziediseases/default.asp>