



MOSQUITO PREVENTION



The two primary means of mosquito abatement which the City of Crown Point utilizes are 1) adulticiding (fogging) to reduce the adult mosquito population & 2) larvaciding to treat standing water & catch basins ONLY on public property where larvae mature into mosquitoes. The City's mosquito abatement program dates back to the early 1980's & has expanded in recent years due to the emergence of mosquito borne diseases including the West Nile Virus. There are currently ten (10) certified pesticide applicators employed with the City. After intense training, they obtained their licenses through the Indiana Office of the State Chemist & keep licensing up to date through continuing credit education. The City is committed to reducing the mosquito population by using the safest & most cost effective products on the market. Following you can find some effective ways that you too can help with controlling the mosquito population:



How you can help...



Eliminate unnecessary water & holding containers. Ex: old tires, cans, jars, bottles or any item(s) that will catch & hold water.	Clean out rain gutters & downspouts.
To eliminate hiding places cut weeds, prune shrubs & dispose of useless artificial containers & other junk.	Follow manufacturer's recommendations for proper care & treatment of swimming pools & pool covers.
Stock ornamental pools & garden ponds with mosquito eating fish such as minnows. Keep vegetation, which protects mosquito larvae, trimmed from the edge of the pond(s).	Store pails, barrels, tubs, vases, boats & wheel barrows upside down.
Cover cisterns, rain barrels & fire barrels with fine mesh screen (16 x 16 meshes to the inch).	Repair or replace screens on doors & windows.
Repair any leaky pipes or outside faucets.	Change the water in birdbaths at least once each week.
Empty & clean children's wading pools at least once each week.	Empty & refill outdoor pet watering containers daily.
Cover trash containers/garbage cans to prevent accumulation of rainwater.	Fill any low places in your yard that collect & hold water.
Use repellents outdoors in the evening or stay indoors.	Always read the pesticide label before applying pesticides around the home.
Share this information & these suggestions with your friends & neighbors. Ask them to do their part.	Inspect your property weekly. If you have questions, call the Public Works Dept. at 219-662-3252.

MOSQUITO CONTROL IS A COMMUNITY PROBLEM. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR & DO YOUR PART – AIM FOR PREVENTION & BETTER CONTROL