

★ FIGHT *the* BITE ★

Prevent mossies at home

After a significant rain event such as the recent cyclone, mosquitoes can breed around your home and the town and be a nuisance. Many mosquitoes bite around dusk and dawn, but some can bite day and night. The only way to prevent mosquito-borne disease is to avoid being bitten.

Cover up

Wear long, loose-fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothes like jeans. Make sure children are also appropriately covered up.



Repel

Use [insect repellent](#) containing DEET (diethyltoluamide) or picaridin and always follow instructions on the label.



Clean up

Stop mosquitoes breeding in water pooling around your home or holiday accommodation by emptying water from containers.



They will lay their eggs in fresh or salty water, and often in containers that hold water.

Common breeding sites include pot plant drip trays, gutters, ponds, pet water bowls, old tyres, rubbish, containers and pools that are not well maintained.

Stop mosquitoes breeding around your home by following these simple steps:

- empty out or discard containers and rubbish that may hold water
- clean out roof gutters to prevent water from pooling
- empty, clean and refill bird baths, stock troughs and pet water bowls at least once a week
- keep swimming pools properly maintained and free of debris
- empty wading pools at the end of each day
- stock backyard ponds with fish to eat mosquito larvae
- cover rainwater and septic tank openings, wells or other large water containers with mosquito-proof mesh
- keep edges of ponds clear of vegetation.

If mosquitoes continue to be a problem around your home, please contact the Shire's Environmental Health Officer on 9971 1204.

★ COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP. ★