

## Prevention of the Mosquito

With the winters becoming milder, we can only expect the mosquito population will be high. Taking proper precautions are necessary to reduce the reproduction of the larvae. Standing water left to sit out can give rise to hundreds mosquitoes in a matter of days. To prevent your homes from pesky mosquitoes, take the time to clear the following from standing water.

- Empty buckets, old tires or any containers that hold water.
- Clean out your gutters of debris and standing water.
- Change outdoor water dishes Dailey
- Rinse and scrub vases and other outdoor water containers such as bird baths and wading pools
- Always maintain your pools and hot tubs
- Cover your trash containers

If mosquito problem persist, consider pesticide applications for yards and vegetation around the home. When standing water cannot be drained and water will be present for more than a couple of days, treat standing water with larvicide such as mosquito “dunks”. In addition to Mosquito Control strategies, the best way to avoid infection is to prevent mosquito’s bites from happening. Individuals can protect themselves by wearing insect repellent, wearing long sleeves and pants. Keep in mind mosquitoes are typically more active during dusk, but they can be present and active at all times of the day.

The Village of Monee has partnered with Will County Dept. of public Health and the ILL.Dept .Of Public Health as a mosquito monitoring and reporting location for South / East Will County where we monitor mosquito activity at four different locations throughout the village limits. We have 4 licensed (Dept. of Agriculture) public applicators working for the village who collect samples, distribute larviciding product and who adulticide (spray) in the Village limits. They attend numerous training events throughout the year and are in constant communication with the WCHD & IDPH.

Monee larvicide’s approximately 978 known catch basis through the village limits. We ground adulticide (spray) when mosquito activity is at its peak around dusk. We do not spray west of I-57 due to conflicts of beekeepers. The spray can be harmful to the bees. The Village of Monee will post on our facebook page when spraying.