

# Keep Mosquitoes Out Of Children's Toys!

Many common items found in your backyard can breed mosquitoes, including children's toys! Toys left outside can collect water, so make sure to store them properly and follow these tips to prevent mosquito breeding.

Toys left outside can collect water. Even stored upside down some small amounts of water may still collect in the toy. Store toys indoors or under covered areas to keep water from pooling.



Mosquitoes only need 1/4" of water to lay their eggs



Toys that require water, such as water tables and kiddie pools, should be dumped out at least once a week, kept clean, and stored or covered when not in use to avoid collecting rainwater.

Water can collect in places where it is difficult to see such as tires and even the bases of basketball hoops. Drill drainage holes in tire swings and any play equipment that can hold water. Make sure openings into the bases of basketball hoops are securely sealed.



Basketball hoops weighed down with water can breed mosquitoes if they aren't sealed



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