

Domestic Mosquitoes

Aedes aegypti & Aedes albopictus



What are domestic mosquitoes?

Domestic mosquitoes breed in **man-made containers** found around homes and businesses. These mosquitoes lay eggs on the walls of containers where they will be flooded with rainwater.

Domestic mosquitoes are the most common mosquitoes technicians find during service requests!

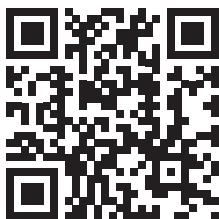
Domestic Mosquito Habitats:

- Flowerpots
- Buckets
- Pools
- Boats
- Toys
- Tires
- Drip lines
- Gutters
- Tree holes
- Pet dishes
- Rain barrels
- Bromeliads
- Birdbaths
- BBQ grills
- Trash/recycle bins
- Ornamental ponds



*If it can hold ½ inch of water,
it can breed mosquitoes!*

For more information,
call (727) 464-7503 or
visit pinellas.gov/mosquito



Domestic Mosquito Spotlight:

Aedes aegypti

This pesky, invasive mosquito is a weak flyer and only ventures about 150 feet from its water source. They tend to bite people below the knee, hence their “ankle biters” nickname. This mosquito transmits Zika, Dengue, Chikungunya and Yellow Fever.



How do I get rid of domestic mosquitoes?

Because these mosquitoes are active during the day, the effectiveness of mosquito fogging is limited. Dumping or treating standing water with Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*) is the best way to eliminate these mosquitoes.

How can you protect your family from mosquitoes?

The best way to protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes is to practice the 3 Ds:



Dump, cover or treat standing water every week.



Dress in loose, light-colored long clothing.



Defend by applying an insect repellent.