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Are you growing mosquitoes in your backyard?

Any container of water can be a place for mosquitoes to lay their eggs.

Environmental Health Department
378-9472

Tip and Toss

water containers to stop mosquitoes

- Water containers for pets
- Water containers for outdoor plants
- Water in birdbaths
- Trash containers
- Tires
- Ornamental ponds

Empty and refill these containers every two to three days to keep mosquitoes from growing into adults that bite.

The Environmental Health Department treats standing water throughout the City to control mosquitoes. Before and after every rain, new areas of standing water are treated including ditches and lots. This department also space sprays areas inside the City when adult mosquitoes are found.

In 2002 West Nile Virus was an illness identified in the Texas Panhandle including Amarillo. Mosquitoes can spread this disease to animals and humans when they bite. Most people do not have any symptoms, while others can have a slight fever, headache, body ache, skin rash, and swollen areas under arms or jaws.

Anyone over 50 should be cautious and if you have a sudden onset of severe headaches, fever and mental confusion seek medical care quickly.