

The Problem:

Asian Tiger Mosquito

Scientific Name:

Aedes albopictus

Description:

Black mosquito with white “tiger stripes” on the body and legs

Food:

Human or other mammal blood

Behavior:

Aggressive, bites during the day

Habitat:

Artificial or man-made containers that contain standing water



Common Asian Tiger Mosquito Habitats

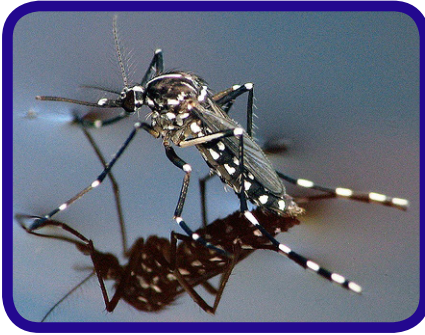


A Guide to Asian Tiger Mosquito Control in Prince William County



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The Asian Tiger Mosquito is a daytime biting species and breeds exclusively in artificial or man-made containers. It is not possible to control Asian Tiger Mosquitoes by night time spray. These mosquitoes tend to feed very close to their breeding location. It is crucial for you and your neighbors to work together to eliminate any containers that may promote breeding.



How to Combat the Tiger

- * Empty or dispose of containers that can hold water
- * Change birdbath water every week
- * Properly dispose of tires
- * Empty and turn over wading pools, wheelbarrows and tarps when not in use
- * Check and clean clogged roof gutters so that they drain properly
- * Aerate ornamental ponds and stock with fish
- * Clean, monitor and chlorinate swimming pools and be sure to check pool covers for pockets of standing water
- * Use landscaping to eliminate standing water and fill in areas that tend to puddle, with sand or dirt
- * Inspect your property routinely for any standing water, particularly after a rain event
- * Spread the word - tell your neighbors and friends about eliminating mosquito-breeding areas



The best way to protect yourself and your family is to use insect repellents, such as DEET, Picardin or other EPA registered repellents. Not all repellents, even those considered “All Natural,” should be used on small children. Please read and follow the product labels carefully to avoid risks. For more information on repellents visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/westnile/faq/repellent.html.



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