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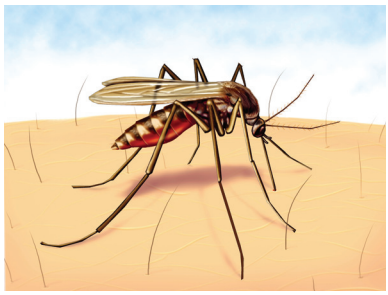

Feeling the sting of mosquitoes? Then it's time to drain and cover.

DRAIN

Drain standing water.

Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers where sprinkler or rain water has collected.

DISCARD:

old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.

EMPTY AND CLEAN:

birdbaths and pets' water bowls at least once or twice a week.

PROTECT:

boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.

MAINTAIN:

the water balance (pool chemistry) of swimming pools. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

Stop mosquitoes from living and multiplying around your home or business.

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Protect yourself from mosquito bites and the diseases they carry.

Don't forget to drain and cover.

COVER

COVER YOUR SKIN WITH:

CLOTHING If you must be outside when mosquitoes are active, cover up. Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and long sleeves.

REPELLENT Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective. Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months.

COVER DOORS AND WINDOWS WITH SCREENS.

Keep mosquitoes out of your house. Repair broken screens on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

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