

Where do they come from?

Mosquitoes live the majority of their life in water. Their eggs, larvae, and pupae are all aquatic which requires them to have access to water to live. They have been here for millions of years and have diversified into 3,000 species that are very different from one another.

Does climate have an effect on them?

No, they have successfully adapted to climates from the arctic to the equator and developed means of locating blood hosts in each locale.

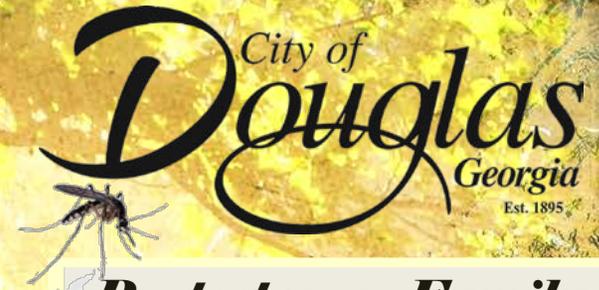
What are some of the diseases that they carry?

Mosquitoes carry diseases that kill more people than any other single factor. Mosquitoes can be carriers of West Nile Virus, malaria, yellow fever, dengue fever in humans. In the United States, mosquitoes spread several types of encephalitis. They also transmit heart worms to cats and dogs.



What Can I Do To Control the Mosquito Population in My Backyard?

- Do not allow water to stagnate in birdbaths, pools, pet dishes, etc.
- Alter the landscape of your property to eliminate standing water.
- Empty water from wheelbarrows, boats, ceramic pots, etc. If possible, turn these items over when not in use.
- Eliminate weeds, tall grass, and excess vegetation.
- Take care to remove items from your property that may contain standing water.



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"Fight the Bite"
Citizen's Guide to
Mosquito Control***



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How do I keep my family and home safe?

- Insure that all required ventilation openings are covered with screens or the use of insect repellent fans.
- Make sure that doors and windows have tight fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have holes in them.
- Maintain roof drains, gutters, and downspouts. Keep them in good repair and free from obstruction.
- Flip or dump small containers collecting water.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycle containers, check uncovered junk piles, and dispose of any refuse that can hold water.
- Use proper type of light outside. Incandescent light attracts mosquitoes, fluorescent light neither attracts nor repel mosquitoes.

- Eliminate mosquito supporting habitats around your home.
- Stay indoors at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening when mosquitoes are most active.
- Apply insect repellent. Be sure to follow all directions on product labels, especially concerning small children.
- Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when you are outdoors.
- Keep pets indoors at dusk and early morning.
- If you must go outdoors, wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants.



- Use mosquito pellets to control the larvae in small pools or ponds around your home.
- Pour a small amount of vegetable oil into water containers that cannot be drained.
- Spray garlic based mosquito repellent in areas where mosquitoes are present.
- Use citronella candles while outdoors and make sure you blow them out when you go in.

