

Community Clean Up

Pike County Health Department

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Did You Know?

In Central Illinois mosquitoes can carry at least three encephalitis viruses that cause human disease. During the summer, mosquitoes can develop in any standing water that lasts more than seven to ten days. Consequently, you can help protect yourself and your family by reducing the amount of standing water around your home. Items such as discarded tires, cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or other similar unused water holding containers left outside can become breeding grounds for mosquitoes when they accumulate water.



Help Yourself

After removing clutter and debris, additional actions to take are:

- 1) Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water
- 2) Drill holes in the bottom of outdoor recycling containers
- 3) Clean clogged roof gutters
- 4) Turn over wheel barrows
- 5) Store boats upside down or remove rainwater weekly
- 6) Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish
- 7) Turn over wading pools when not in use
- 8) Keep drains, ditches and culverts free of grass clippings so water will drain properly
- 9) Clean and chlorinate private swimming pools
- 10) Fill in low areas on your property to eliminate standing water when you can

Work Together

To help eliminate mosquito breeding areas, the Pike County Health Department is accepting applications from community organizations of up to \$200, paid directly to Area Disposal, to fund a setting and removing a dumpster as part of a community clean-up program. Funding for eligible community organizations is within the discretion of the PCHD and depends on many factors including available grant funds.

If your organization is planning a community cleanup project and is interested in obtaining the use of a dumpster, please fill out the application on the reverse side. Applications will be taken until June 14, or until all funds have been expended.