

MOSQUITOES

STAGE ONE EGG

Laid one at a time or attached together to form “rafts” that can float on the surface of the water. Most eggs hatch within 48 hours when exposed to water.



STAGE TWO LARVA

Lives in the water and comes to the surface to breathe. They shed their skins four times, growing larger after each molt. The larvae feed on microorganisms and organic matter in water.

LIFE CYCLE of a MOSQUITO

STAGE FOUR ADULT

Adults rest on water surface to allow their wings to dry and body to harden before they can fly. Blood feeding and mating does not occur for a couple of days after the adults emerge.

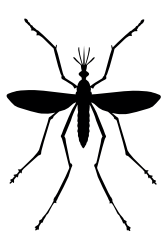


STAGE THREE PUPA

The resting, non-feeding stage of the mosquito life cycle. The process takes about two days in the summer. When development is complete, the pupal skin splits and the adult mosquito emerges.

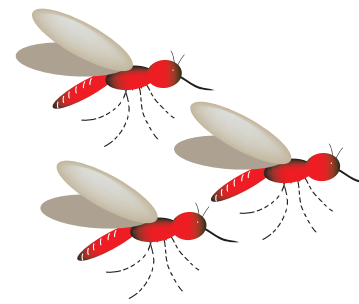
The development time for each stage of the mosquito life cycle depends on temperature and species.

Mosquito Facts

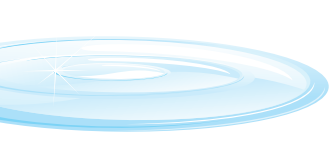


FEMALE
42-56 DAYS
MALE
10 DAYS

FACT: Depending on location, species and temperature, mosquitoes can live from one week to several months.



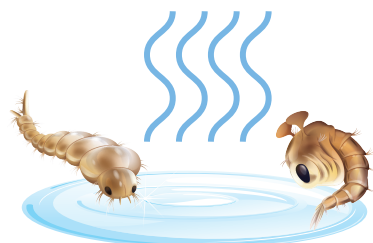
FACT: Female mosquitoes extract blood from humans and animals in order to lay eggs.



FACT: Mosquitoes only need about 1 inch of standing water to lay their eggs.



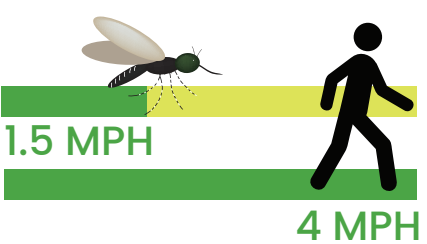
FACT: Smelly feet are more attractive to mosquitoes – so keep those tootsies clean.



FACT: The young mosquito pupae will often die if their water source evaporates before they transform into adult mosquitoes.



FACT: Depending on the species, mosquitoes can be active throughout the day.



FACT: Mosquitoes fly an estimated 1 to 1.5 miles per hour.



FACT: Mosquitoes can bite through light-weight fabrics.

Mosquito Prevention



Remove all standing water from around your yard.

- Since mosquitoes need water to multiply and survive, walk around your property and check for standing water routinely.
- Empty any containers or other objects where water may have collected, including planter dishes, gutters, watering cans, pet dishes, bird baths, or children’s outdoor play equipment.



Keep mosquitoes from entering your home.

- Check that windows, doors and porches are tightly screened with no tears in the screening.
- Use weather stripping products to seal any gaps, especially under doors.



Have your landscape treated for mosquitoes.

- Spring Green’s Mosquito Control application reaches the underside of your bushes and trees where mosquitoes hide to create a barrier around your property and keep your yard mosquito-free.
- Each Spring Green Mosquito Control application provides protection from mosquitoes and prevents re-infestation for about one month.