Drain standing water on your property so mosquitoes won’t breed.

Use insect repellent that contains DEET.

Stay indoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most prevalent.

Dress in long sleeves and pants and spray insect repellent on the clothes.

Follow this checklist to reduce mosquitoes near you:

- Dispose of tin cans, old tires, bottles, jars, buckets, drums, ceramic pots and other containers, or make sure they contain no standing water.
- Clean clogged gutters and/or slope to downspouts.
- Drain improperly installed and sagging swimming pool covers.
- Change the water in birdbaths at least twice weekly.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor spas, saunas and hot tubs. If not in use, keep them empty and covered.
- Change water and scrub containers/vases holding outdoor plants twice weekly.
- Empty your pet’s water pan daily.
- Repair leaky pipes and faucets.

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- Screen or cover rain barrels and openings to water tanks.
- Eliminate weeds, tall grass and other mosquito breeding places.
- Use larvicide where standing water cannot be removed.
- Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito-eating fish.
- Remind neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their property.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens in good repair.

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