



**FIGHT THE
BITE!
DAY & NIGHT**

The arrival of warmer weather and moisture can result in an increase in mosquitoes. The single most important thing residents can do is eliminate standing water on their property. HOAs should ensure grass common areas are not excessively watered, causing ponding.

It is important to keep swimming pools, spas and fountains clean and operational, eliminate standing water that can collect and breed mosquitoes and empty any buckets, wheelbarrows, pet dishes, wading pools, birdbaths, plant pots or drip trays at least twice a week. It also is important to keep good screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.

To avoid mosquito bites, use insect repellent containing DEET and wear long sleeves and pants when outdoors. The Vector Control Division of the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department has for years been implementing a surveillance program where they monitor hundreds of sites identified as mosquito breeding areas, plus proactively search for new or potential sites. Contact the county's mosquito hotline, 602-506-0700, if you have questions about mosquitoes in your neighborhood.

A Fight the Bite campaign launched by Arizona health officials (www.FightTheBiteMaricopa.org) provides information on mosquito-related diseases, prevention, monitoring and fogging. An online form is provided for reporting mosquito activity and green pools. The site also features a map of the county showing the location of every mosquito trap being monitored, including the 50-plus traps located in Chandler. Clicking on the location icon triggers a pop-up screen that gives more specific location information, the date the trap was placed and when fogging (if needed) was last performed in that area.

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