

Help control mosquitoes in your area

Thames Water controls mosquitoes at Mogden Sewage Treatment Works. The London Boroughs of Hounslow and Richmond Upon Thames also take action to prevent them outside the site.

Mosquitoes need standing water in order to lay their eggs. These are some of the things you can do to help.

Report 'fly-tipping' in your area to your local council. Unwanted waste can create a breeding area for mosquitoes.

Remove dead leaves etc, from your gutters or flat roofs. If they are left, they can trap water, where mosquitoes could lay eggs.

Don't keep litter or used tyres lying around. Water gets trapped in them making them a potential mosquito breeding site.

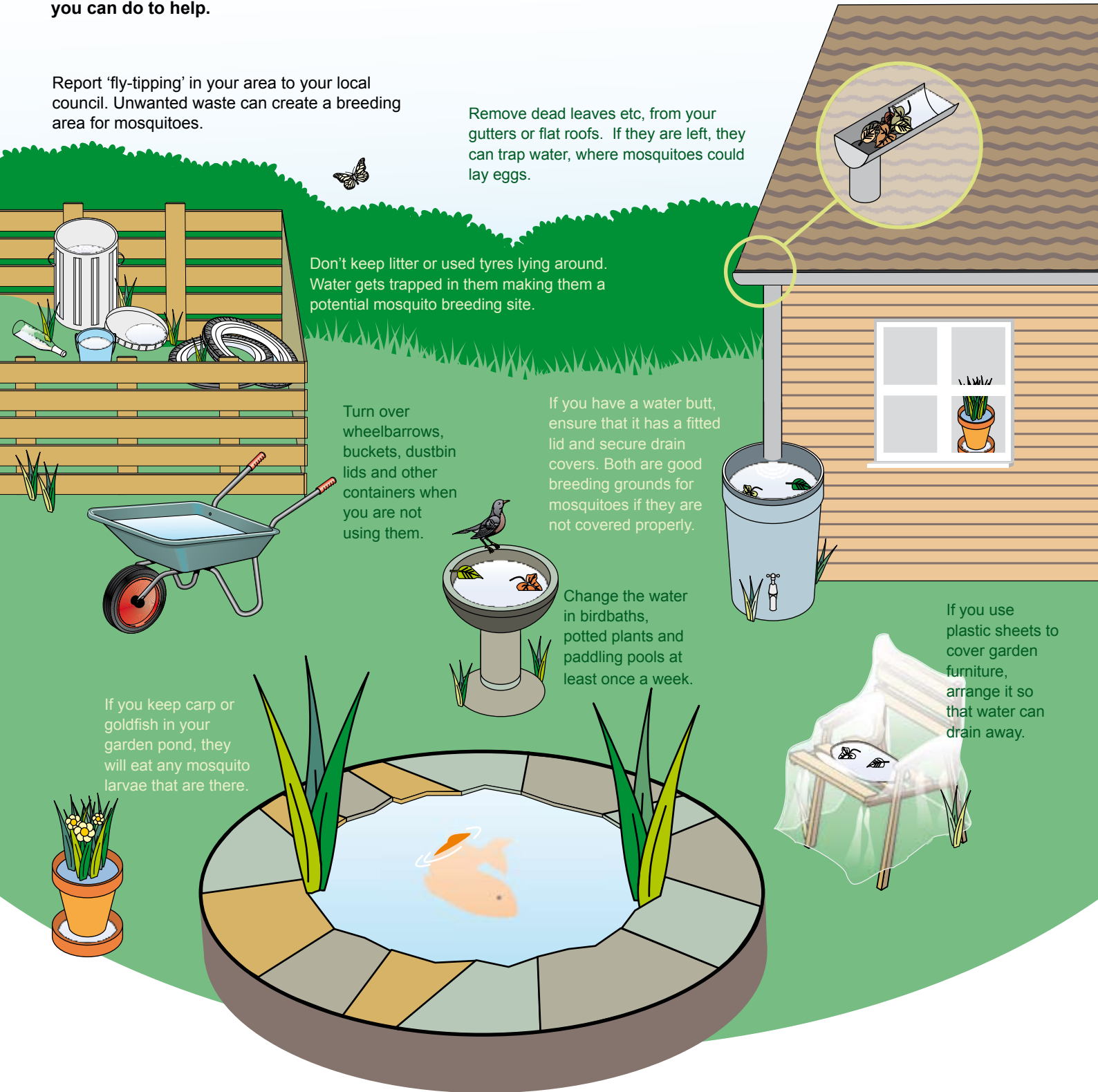
Turn over wheelbarrows, buckets, dustbin lids and other containers when you are not using them.

If you have a water butt, ensure that it has a fitted lid and secure drain covers. Both are good breeding grounds for mosquitoes if they are not covered properly.

Change the water in birdbaths, potted plants and paddling pools at least once a week.

If you keep carp or goldfish in your garden pond, they will eat any mosquito larvae that are there.

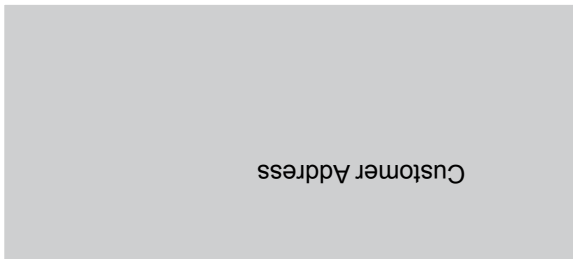
If you use plastic sheets to cover garden furniture, arrange it so that water can drain away.



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What do I do if I have been bitten by a mosquito?

Try not to scratch the bite - mosquito bites do not normally need any treatment. However, if the bites begins to itch severely, your local chemist can provide advice on a range of products which may help.

How can I reduce the risk of being bitten by a mosquito?

- Mosquitoes are more likely to bite at dawn or dusk.
- Use an insect repellent on any skin that is exposed, especially when you are outside. The insect repellents to look out for are ones that contain at least 30% DEET (diethyltoluamide). Please ask at your local chemist for advice on which repellent to use on your skin and always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Natural repellents are also available.
- An electric fan or a gentle breeze may help too - mosquitoes do not like moving air.
- Use mosquito plug-in or coil devices.
- Wear long sleeves and light coloured clothing.

Contact us

This leaflet was jointly produced by Thames Water, and the London Boroughs of Hounslow and Richmond Upon Thames. If you would like to find out more, please contact us at the following addresses, or visit our websites for details of mosquito prevention and control.



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