



TAMING THE 'TIGER'

The Asian tiger mosquito has become a serious pest in parts of your county. It doesn't respond well to traditional mosquito control methods. Here are a few ways you can help tame the "tiger".

- Check your yard for any container that can hold water. The "tiger" lays its eggs in these sites and they hatch within a few days of being flooded. Even small containers such as drinking cups can produce mosquitoes. Remember to check gutters, too. If you find any water-holding containers, dispose of them or change water weekly. Keep gutters free of leaves and debris.
- Talk to your neighbors about the "tiger". Since the adults can fly 100 yards or so, your problem may be coming from containers in someone else's yard! Most people don't know what mosquito larvae look like or that they can breed in very small amounts of water. One tire with a few cups of water can breed hundreds of mosquitoes continuously throughout the warm months.
- Make sure screens are intact. Good screening on doors and windows will keep "tiger" outside.
- Spray sheltered areas in your yard with an insecticide labelled for adult mosquitoes if you cannot tolerate the annoyance caused by mosquito bites. "Tiger" adults rest in dark sheltered areas around your home such as under decks or porches, in thick or low-growing vegetation, or in outbuildings or sheds with gaps they can enter. Spraying these areas will keep the numbers of adults down in your yard. Read and follow all directions on the insecticide label.
- Talk to the officials in your neighborhood. If you live in an incorporated area or have a local association, talk to the board members or council members about the "tiger". An organized clean-up and education program can keep "tiger" populations to a minimum in most areas.

The Asian tiger mosquito is an annoying pest in many areas but YOU are your own best defense! For more information on the "tiger", call your local mosquito control office.