

THE BUZZ

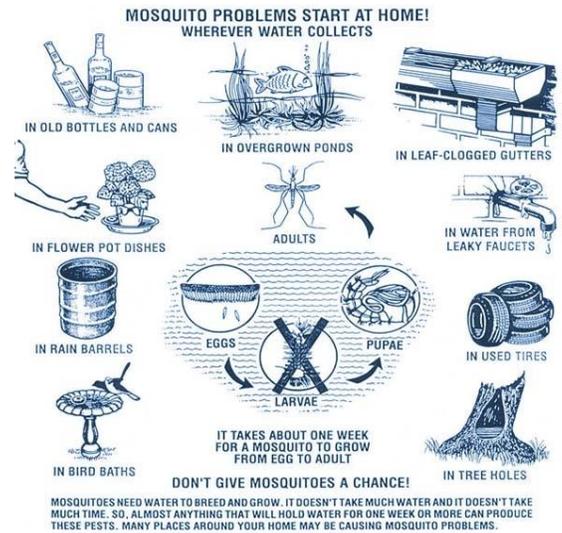


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The Buzz is a monthly newsletter used to disseminate important information about mosquito control in the City of Portsmouth.

While it is only mid-April, the warm winter along with heavy precipitation over the last few months have created conditions favorable to an early mosquito season. The mosquito control division has already begun surveillance and control operations throughout Portsmouth and we are seeing steady mosquito activity.

It is still too early to predict summer populations as the mosquitoes life cycle is heavily affected by weather patterns (rain, temperatures, etc.).



While everyone is staying safe at home, this would be a perfect time to take note of areas around the home that could breed mosquitoes. It only takes 7-10 days to grow mosquitoes from standing water.



Note to Beekeepers

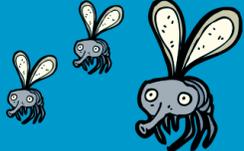
Bees are important pollinators and the City is very aware of the concerns over the use of pesticides. We respectfully request that you inform us of hive locations by calling the Public Works Mosquito Control Division at **757-393-8666**. This will allow us to create a no-spray buffer around the hive and will put you on a list to be notified when we are in the area spraying for mosquitoes or if there is an aerial spray scheduled. Thank you!

COVID-19 and Mosquitoes

The World Health Organization (WHO) has released a statement about the possibility of mosquitoes and ticks being able to spread the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). To date, there has been no scientific evidence that mosquitoes or ticks can transmit the disease.

To date there has been no information nor evidence to suggest that the new coronavirus could be transmitted by mosquitoes. The new coronavirus is a respiratory virus which spreads primarily through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose. To protect yourself, clean your hands frequently with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Also, avoid close contact with anyone who is coughing and sneezing.

FACT:
The new coronavirus **CANNOT** be transmitted through mosquito bites



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