

Town of Essex: **Public Health Alert** (Sept 10, 2019)

Due to the occurrence of Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEE) transmission from mosquitos to humans in neighboring towns, the public is advised to take personal precautions AND eliminate mosquito breeding areas around your home.

PREVENTING MOSQUITO BREEDING GROUNDS AROUND THE HOUSE

Are you unknowingly attracting mosquitoes to your property? Mosquitoes can breed in as little as a 1/8 inch of standing water, so even items containing water the size of a bottle cap may be mosquito magnets. The diagram below shows the areas around the home that may be prone to mosquitoes.

- 1 GUTTERS** – Remove leaves and other debris from gutters
- 2 FLOWERPOTS** – Pour out stagnant water from flowerpots and planters
- 3 GRILL COVER** – Make sure water isn't gathering on top of the grill cover
- 4 BABY POOL** – Don't let water sit in baby pools for long periods of time
- 5 BIRDBATH** – Frequently change out the water in birdbaths
- 6 LEAKY PIPES** – Repair any leaky pipes or faucets
- 7 TIRES** – Drill holes in the bottom of tire swings and wheel barrels to allow water to drain
- 8 TRASH CANS** – Ensure trash cans are tightly sealed and lids aren't flipped upside down
- 9 BUCKETS** – Remove water collecting in buckets and toys
- 10 PONDS** – Keep swimming pools and ponds adequately treated