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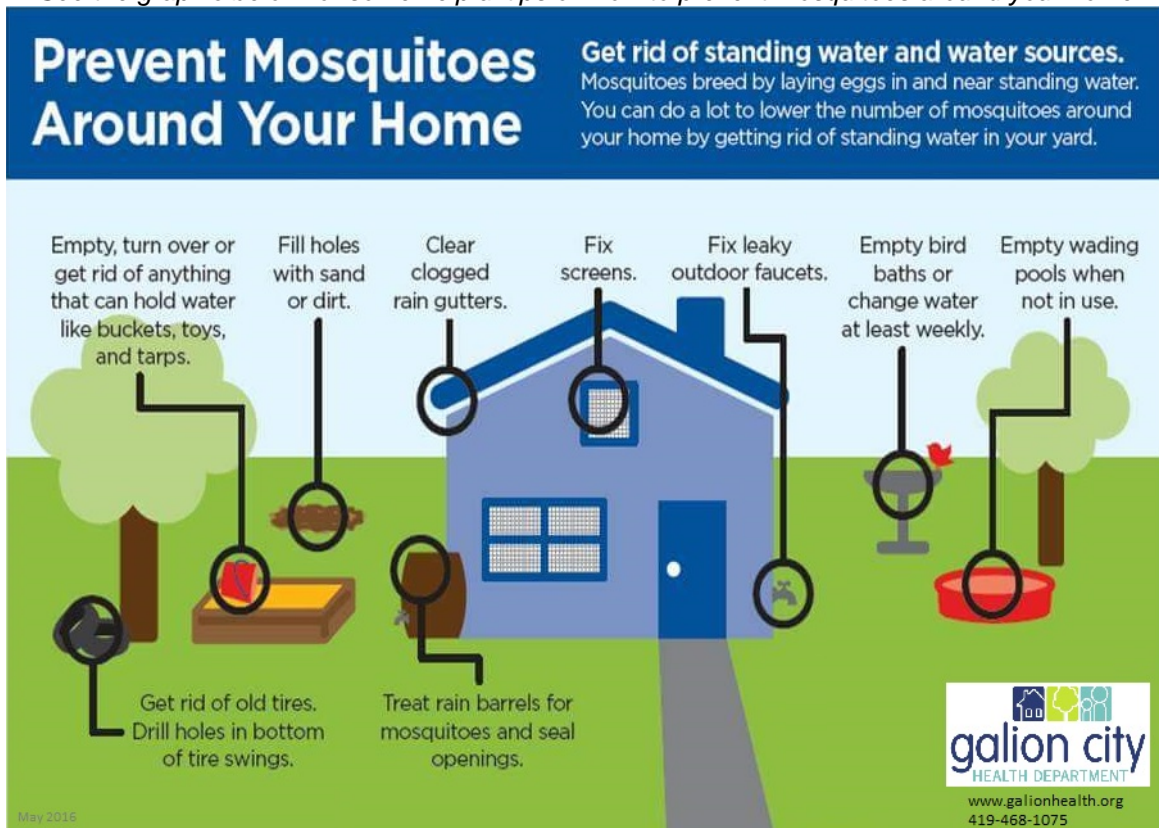
Galion Community Clean-Up Day Helpful for Public Health

Message:

The Galion City Health Departments' nuisance program seeks to eliminate unsanitary conditions in the community that pose potential hazards to public health. Public health nuisance conditions often result from the improper storage and/or disposal of solid waste, or the accumulation of solid waste on premises. In addition to drawing insect and animal pests, unsanitary premises may have old tires and watertight containers that give mosquitoes stagnant water in which to breed. Unsanitary properties may pose a potential threat to public health, cause blight in a neighborhood, and in severe cases can affect the values of nearby properties.

Mosquitoes are an all too familiar part of summer. They are not only annoying, but they present a potential health risk as carriers of disease. Eliminating mosquito habitats around your home can go a long way to reduce the mosquito population. The recent Community Clean-Up Day is helping to reduce many potential hazards to public health including those that breed mosquitoes. For more information regarding Public Health nuisances go to <http://www.galionhealth.org/environmental-health/nuisances>.

**See the graphic below for some helpful tips on how to prevent mosquitoes around your home.*



Prevent Mosquitoes Around Your Home

Get rid of standing water and water sources.
Mosquitoes breed by laying eggs in and near standing water. You can do a lot to lower the number of mosquitoes around your home by getting rid of standing water in your yard.

- Empty, turn over or get rid of anything that can hold water like buckets, toys, and tarps.
- Fill holes with sand or dirt.
- Clear clogged rain gutters.
- Fix screens.
- Fix leaky outdoor faucets.
- Empty bird baths or change water at least weekly.
- Empty wading pools when not in use.
- Get rid of old tires. Drill holes in bottom of tire swings.
- Treat rain barrels for mosquitoes and seal openings.

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