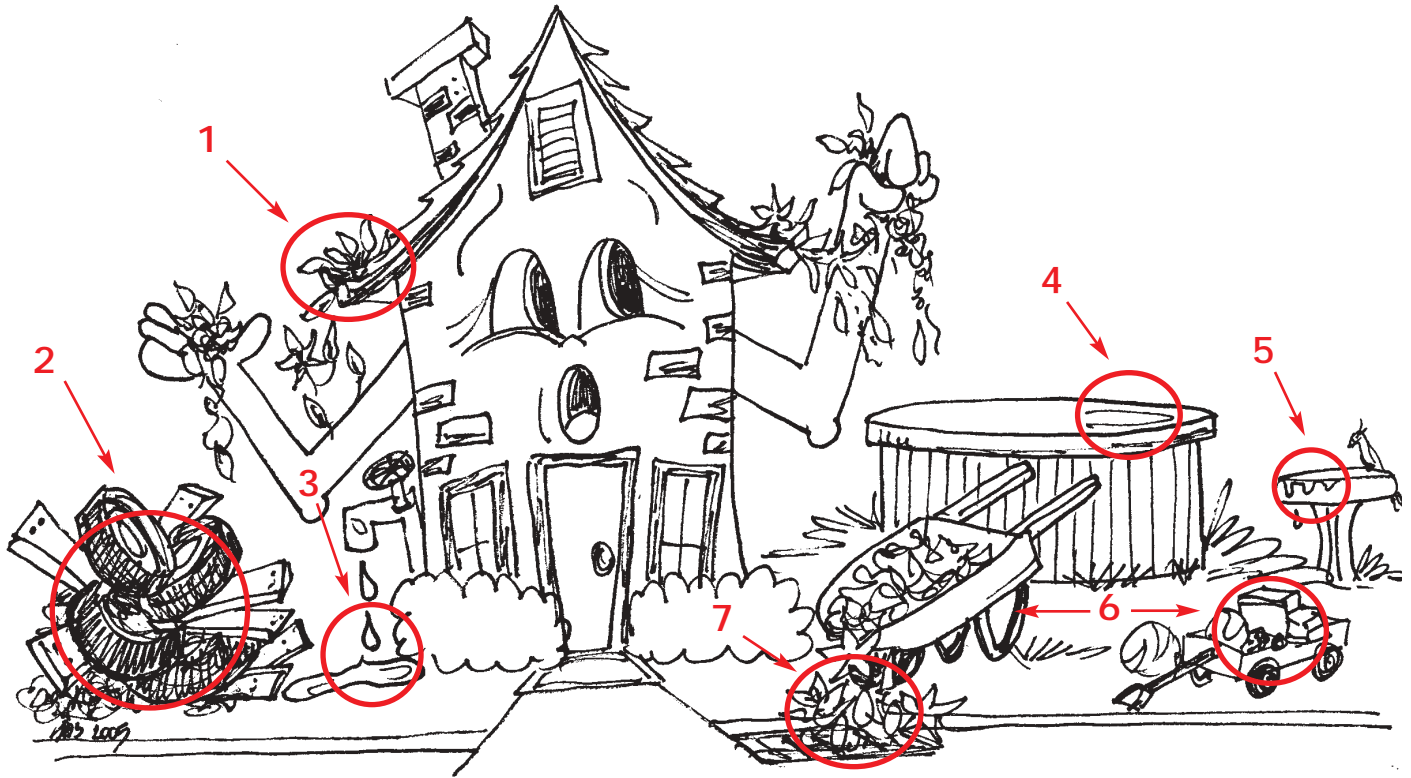




# Fight the Bite!

A homeowner's guide to reducing mosquito breeding sites



- 1) Clean gutters regularly.
- 2) Eliminate debris that holds water.
- 3) Repair leaky faucets.
- 4) Keep water from pooling on spa and pool covers.
- 5) Change birdbaths and water bowls for pets twice a week.
- 6) Drain toys and gardening equipment that collect water or store inside.
- 7) Keep yard waste out of storm drains.

## Other handy tips:

- ✓ Check French drains; if water collects, treat with larvicide regularly.
- ✓ Check water meter box for leaks and standing water, treat with larvicide if needed.
- ✓ **Water landscape deeply and infrequently—an inch a week is enough!**
  - Using a water gauge, measure the amount of time it takes for the irrigation system to deliver one inch.
  - If run-off is a problem, program irrigation system or set sprinklers to run at five minute intervals; allow water to soak in before turning on again; continue on/off cycle until one inch of water is delivered.
  - Add organic matter, such as compost, to the soil to improve water absorption and reduce run-off.
- ✓ For more information call, Environmental Services at **281.210.3900**.

