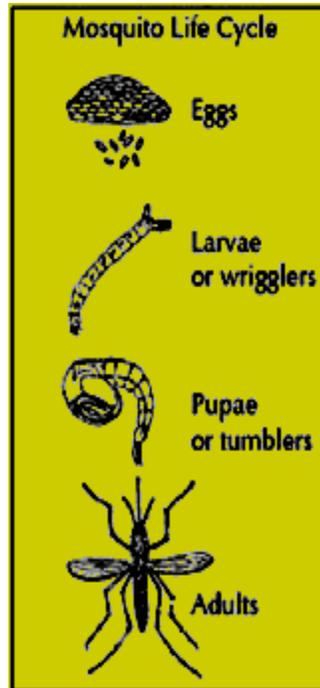
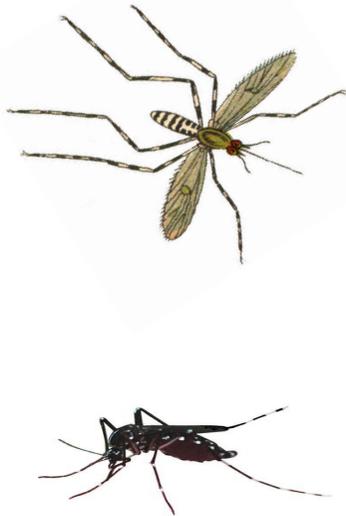


Mosquitoes Can Carry Disease

Mosquitoes can take about two weeks to develop from egg to adult. A small but growing number of the insects transmit disease.

Mosquito Life Cycle



Mosquito-borne Illness: West Nile Virus:

No symptoms, mild flu-like symptoms or in rare cases meningitis.

Egg:

Needs water to hatch: females lay up to 450 eggs at one time, usually in swamps or standing water in gutters, old tires.

Larva:

Lives in water called "wrigglers"; sheds skin four times in 4 to 10 days; eats one-celled organisms.

Pupa:

Can move away from water surface by flipping tail; grows into adult in two to four days.

Adult:

Pupa's skin splits, adults struggle free, females live 30 days more, feed on blood; males live 7 to 10 days, feed on plant juices

-Eliminate standing water; turn over wading pools; clear gutters; anything that collects water around the home.
-Use bug repellent with DEET (can be poisonous if not used according to directions). For children, use a concentration of less than 30 percent.

-Limit time outdoors during dusk and dawn.
-Wear long-sleeved loose clothes outdoors to avoid mosquito bites.
-Repair holes in window screens.



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