Are there MOSQUITOES in your RAIN BARREL?

Mosquitoes need standing water to breed, and rain barrels can provide the perfect environment.

How do the mosquitoes get into a rain barrel and how do they get out?

1. Mosquitoes can enter through small spaces between the lid and the barrel, and lay their eggs
2. Mosquito eggs and larva can wash down from gutters into the barrel
3. When the eggs and larva hatch into adult mosquitoes they find their way out through the small openings and spaces, and into your yard and neighborhood

Be sure that you are not breeding mosquitoes in your rain barrel by following these suggestions:

1. Seal the openings between the lid and barrel
2. Install a screen on top of the barrel opening and then reinstall the lid
3. Treat the water in the rain barrel with Mosquito Dunks® every 30 days from April through September

Mosquito Dunks®
- Contain bacteria that specifically targets mosquito larva only
- Are safe for people, pets, fish and organic gardening
- Only provide protection for 30 days and will require retreatment
- As with all pest products, always follow the label’s directions

Have a Mosquito Problem?
Request Service.
(614) 525-BITE (leave a message)
Visit myfcph.org and complete a request form on the mosquito page.

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