

FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

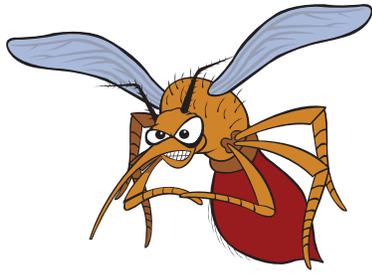
**SWAT
TEAM**



**SWAT CASE FILE:
Project Mosquito**

SWAT Investigator: _____
(fill in your name!)

**(614) 525-BITE (2483)
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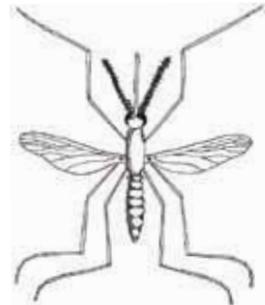
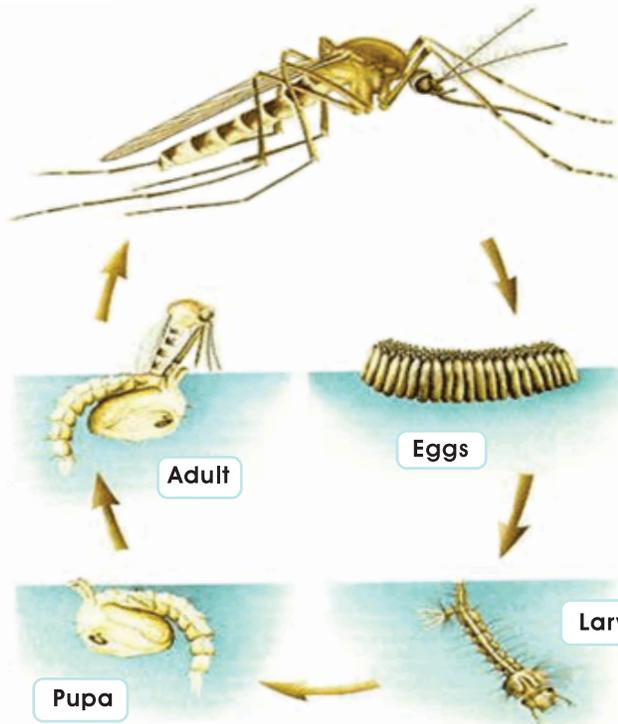
LET'S SAY
NO TO
THE
MOSQUITO

What Franklin County Public Health does to protect YOU against the MOSQUITO!

Franklin County Public Health does quite a few things to keep you and your community safe from disease carrying mosquitoes.

- We go out and look for mosquitoes in your neighborhood by setting mosquito traps.
- We test the mosquitoes that we catch to see if they are carrying any diseases.
- We spread a special substance called larvicide in areas where the female mosquito lays her eggs. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in still water and areas that hold water when it rains outside.
- We also spray a special bug spray that kills the adult mosquitoes in your neighborhoods using a special bug spray truck.
- We also rely on you to report areas where you notice lots of adult mosquitoes by calling (614) 525-BITE (2483).

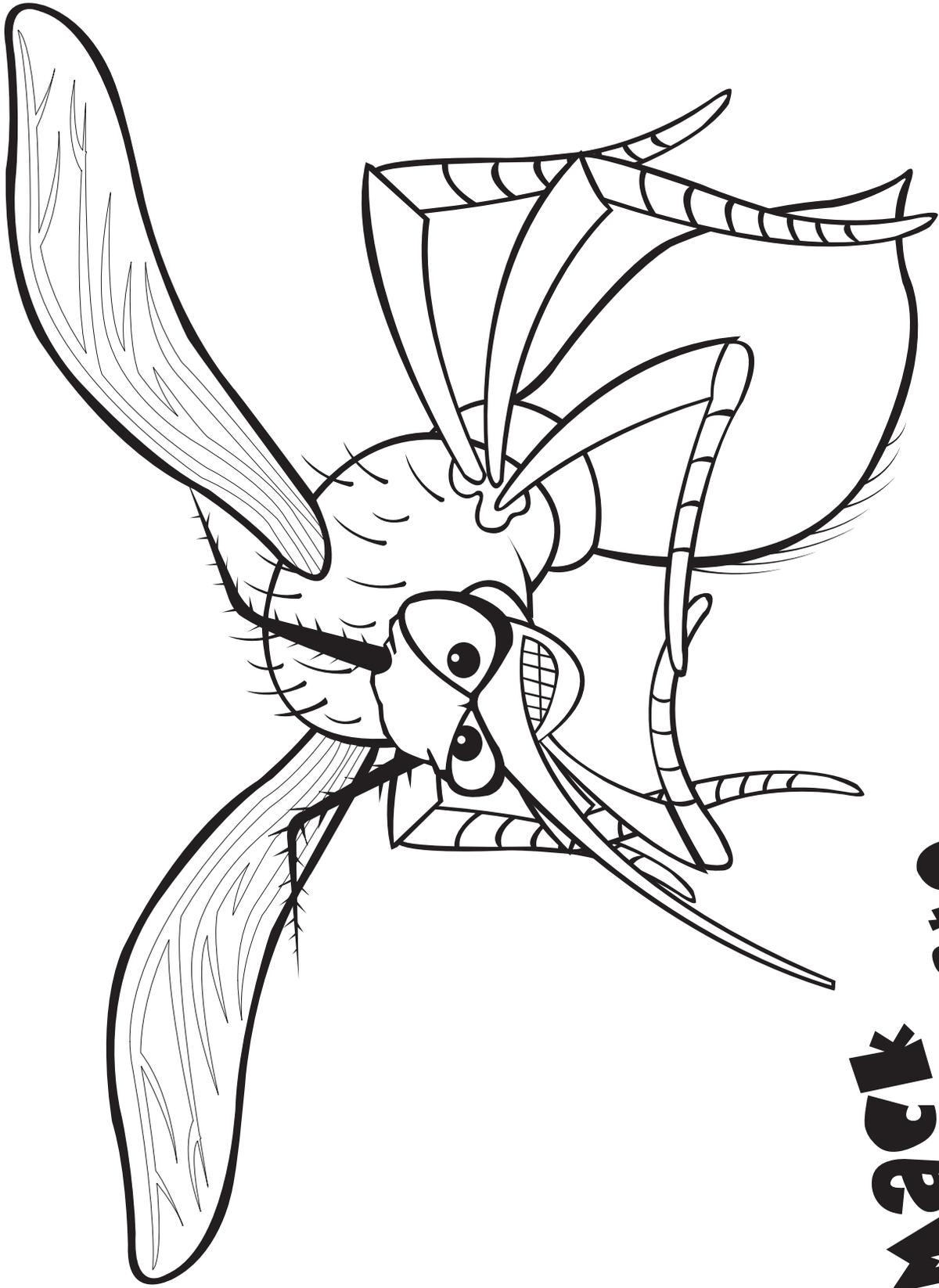
The Mosquito Life Cycle



Female Mosquito



Male Mosquito



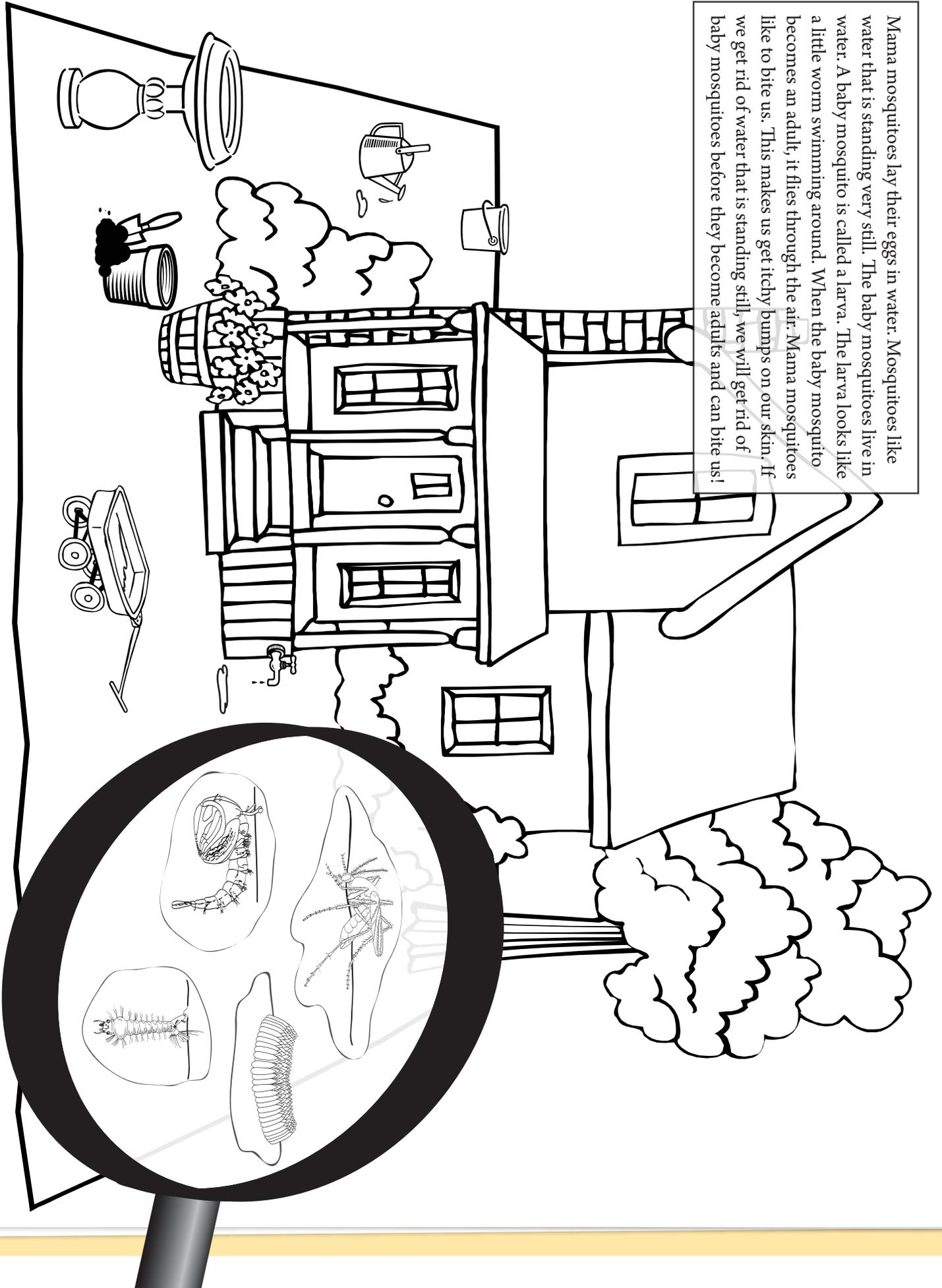
Mack the Mosquito

Wear bug spray so you do not
get bit by Mack the Mosquito!

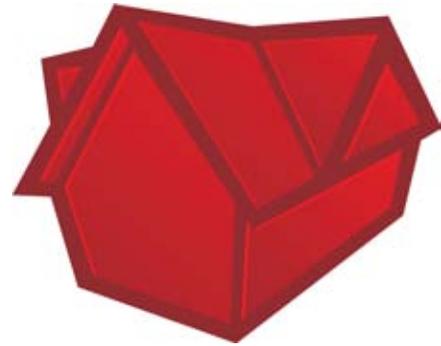
Health SWAT Team needs your help and your detective skills! In the picture below where mosquitoes might lay their eggs (Hint: There are many places around your home where water can collect. One of the best ways to prevent mosquitoes around your home is to remove the containers. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water.)



Mama mosquitoes lay their eggs in water. Mosquitoes like water that is standing very still. The baby mosquitoes live in water. A baby mosquito is called a larva. The larva looks like a little worm swimming around. When the baby mosquito becomes an adult, it flies through the air. Mama mosquitoes like to bite us. This makes us get itchy bumps on our skin. If we get rid of water that is standing still, we will get rid of baby mosquitoes before they become adults and can bite us!



SWAT TEAM HOME CHECKLIST



Here are some places where those pesky mosquitoes will lay their eggs. As a new SWAT TEAM member look for each item around your home with your parent or guardian and place a check in the box or boxes!

Remember the mosquito can lay eggs in the tiniest bit of water, so dump any standing water that you see! Keep this checklist in a handy location and remember to check your yard once a week!

	We found these	We found water in these and emptied them	We didn't find these
Bird Baths			
Boats			
Buckets			
Cans or Bottles			
Flower Pots			
Pet Dishes			
Wheel Barrows			
Tires			
Tree Holes			
Kiddie Pools			
Toys			
Leaky Outdoor Faucets			
Recycling Containers			

SWAT Team Pledge

As a member of the Franklin County Public Health Mosquito SWAT Team,
I pledge to....

Empty containers with standing water with the help from grown-ups. Stuff like:

Buckets

Outdoor pet bowls

Toys

Flower pots

Bird baths and baby pools (Change water once a week)

Tires

Or other things in my yard that collect water when it rains

Prevent standing water from collecting by working with grown-ups to:

Check leaky outdoor faucets

Remove any containers that can collect water

Flip over baby pools, canoes, and boats

Fill in tree holes and stumps with sand

Fill in drain puddles and ruts in the yard

Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts if I am out at dawn or dusk.

Wear light colored clothing, so mosquitoes won't bite me.

Use insect repellent properly and follow label instructions with help from grown-ups.

Remember, these little things make a big difference!

Signature

Date



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