



## Village of Biscayne Park Commission Agenda Report

**Village Commission Meeting Date:** June 7, 2016

**Subject:** Discussion on Mosquito Control

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### Background

Concerns about the Zika virus are rising as mosquito season nears, and with new cases being reported in Miami-Dade County. Both the County and the Florida Department of Health have been active in providing education to its residents regarding mosquito control and the virus. Educational information and links have been added to the Village's website, and will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

Additionally, Miami-Dade County recently passed an ordinance giving the county authority to cite property owners for standing water violations two days after they receive a warning, where before it was five days. County leaders have stated that mosquito breeding sites can be in the most simple and smallest places in the average home and urge residents to "play a role and do their job".

Concerned Village residents have contacted us regarding this issue, specifically standing water found in bird baths, inflatable pools, plant containers, etc.

**Fiscal / Budget Impact:** None at this time.

**Recommendation:** For the Commission to discuss this issue and provide direction for any added enforcement or resources.

**Attachments:** Drain & Cover flyer (Florida Department of Health and Miami-Dade County Public Works)



Feeling the sting of  
mosquitoes?  
Then it's time to  
**drain and cover.**



**DRAIN**

Drain standing water.

Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers where sprinkler or rain water has collected.

**DISCARD:**

old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.

**EMPTY AND CLEAN:**

birdbaths and pets' water bowls at least once or twice a week.

**PROTECT:**

boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.

**MAINTAIN:**

the water balance (pool chemistry) of swimming pools. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

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Stop mosquitoes from living and multiplying around  
your home or business.



Protect yourself  
from mosquito  
bites and the  
diseases they  
carry.

Don't forget to  
**drain** and **cover**.

# COVER



## COVER YOUR SKIN WITH:

**CLOTHING** If you must be outside when mosquitoes are active, cover up. Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and long sleeves.

**REPELLENT** Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective. Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months.

## COVER DOORS AND WINDOWS WITH SCREENS.

Keep mosquitoes out of your house. Repair broken screens on windows, doors, porches, and patios.



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