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## **DURING FLORIDA MOSQUITO CONTROL AWARENESS WEEK, 2023 FKMCD asks: ARE YOU READY for SUMMER MOSQUITOS?**

As daily, soaking Spring showers become more plentiful, The Florida Keys Mosquito Control District (FKMCD) is using Florida Mosquito Control Awareness Week 2023 as an occasion to remind residents to prepare NOW for the normal Summer uptick in local mosquito populations.

By making a thorough inspection of their property **NOW**, residents of the Florida Keys can greatly reduce the likelihood that their property will become a breeding ground for potentially dangerous biting mosquitoes such as the disease spreading *Aedes aegypti* which prefers to live and breed around human hosts.

FKMCD reminds residents that a few simple tasks can greatly diminish the chances of contracting dengue or other mosquito-borne diseases:

- Walk around property and dump ANY standing water.
- Cover or turn over **anything** that might catch and hold water during a rain.
- Flush bromeliads and other water-holding plants every few days.
- Wear long sleeves and pants if going outside.
- Keep homes mosquito free by checking and repairing all screens.
- Keep doors and windows closed.
- Use insect repellent (with Deet) when going outdoors.

The Florida Keys Mosquito Control District is always prepared to help with any mosquito issue a Monroe County resident may have. Service requests can be submitted by calling **305-292-7190** or online at [keysmosquito.org](http://keysmosquito.org).

### **About the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District**

The mission of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District is to control the mosquito population using the most effective methods, techniques, equipment and insecticides; thus enhancing the quality of life for all residents and reducing the possibility of mosquito transmitted diseases.

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