

# PEST PREVENTION



## **Mosquitoes Carry Disease - Don't Breed them in your Yards!**

**Mosquitoes lay their eggs in water**

- **Empty all standing water every four days!** (Including bird baths)
- Get rid of old tires – or poke holes in them so the water will run out
- Change the water in pets' bowls everyday
- Dump the standing water in flower pot trays after rains
- Make sure your gutter downspouts don't pool water – add a runoff tray
- Empty wading pools & troughs when not in use and turn them over
- Fill in backyard holes or ditches so water won't fill



## ROACHES & MICE

Prevent them from living inside your home



### **Starve them out**

- Store food in tightly closed containers – use coffee cans, glass jars or other containers with lids to store grains. Some items like flour can be stored in the refrigerator.
- Keep a lid on the garbage can and take it to the dumpster daily.
- Clean dishes after eating – don't leave dirty dishes in the sink.
- Don't leave pet food out overnight.
- Eat at the table and clean up spills and crumbs right away

### **Dry them out**

- Make sure the faucet is turned off and not dripping after you use it
- Don't leave a sink full of dishwater
- Check for leaky faucets in the basement & at washer

### **Keep them out**

- Before bringing a box or bag into the house, check and make sure there are no roaches in the bottom
- Get rid of stacks of newspapers, paper bags and cardboard
- Check for cracks or openings around baseboards, behind kitchen & bathroom sinks, around pipes. Mix steel wool with caulking compound to fill the openings to keep them out!
- Use wooden "snap traps" for mice. Poison baits are a danger for children & pets.
- When using "roach motels" or "roach baits" make sure children & pets can not get to them (secure under the sink cabinet doors).

