



## THE RAINY SEASON IS HERE

### *Important Mosquito Prevention Information*

### Feeling the sting of mosquitoes?



Then it's time to:

**DRAIN  
AND  
COVER**

Stop mosquitoes from living and multiplying around your home or business.  
Protect yourself from mosquito bites and diseases they carry.

#### **DRAIN STANDING WATER.**

**DRAIN:** 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.

South Florida's sweltering summer months also signal the arrival of the rainy season. The afternoon thunderstorms or quick sun showers can cause standing water around our homes and businesses that lead to the perfect breeding environment for mosquitoes. Check around your home and drain standing water – don't forget to check the inside of garbage cans, buckets or empty planters, even bird baths... anywhere rain water has collected.

#### **TIPS TO AVOID MOSQUITO BITES**

- Wear shoes, socks, long pants and long sleeves.
- Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective.
- Keep mosquitoes out of your house (keep doors closed and repair window and patio screens).

