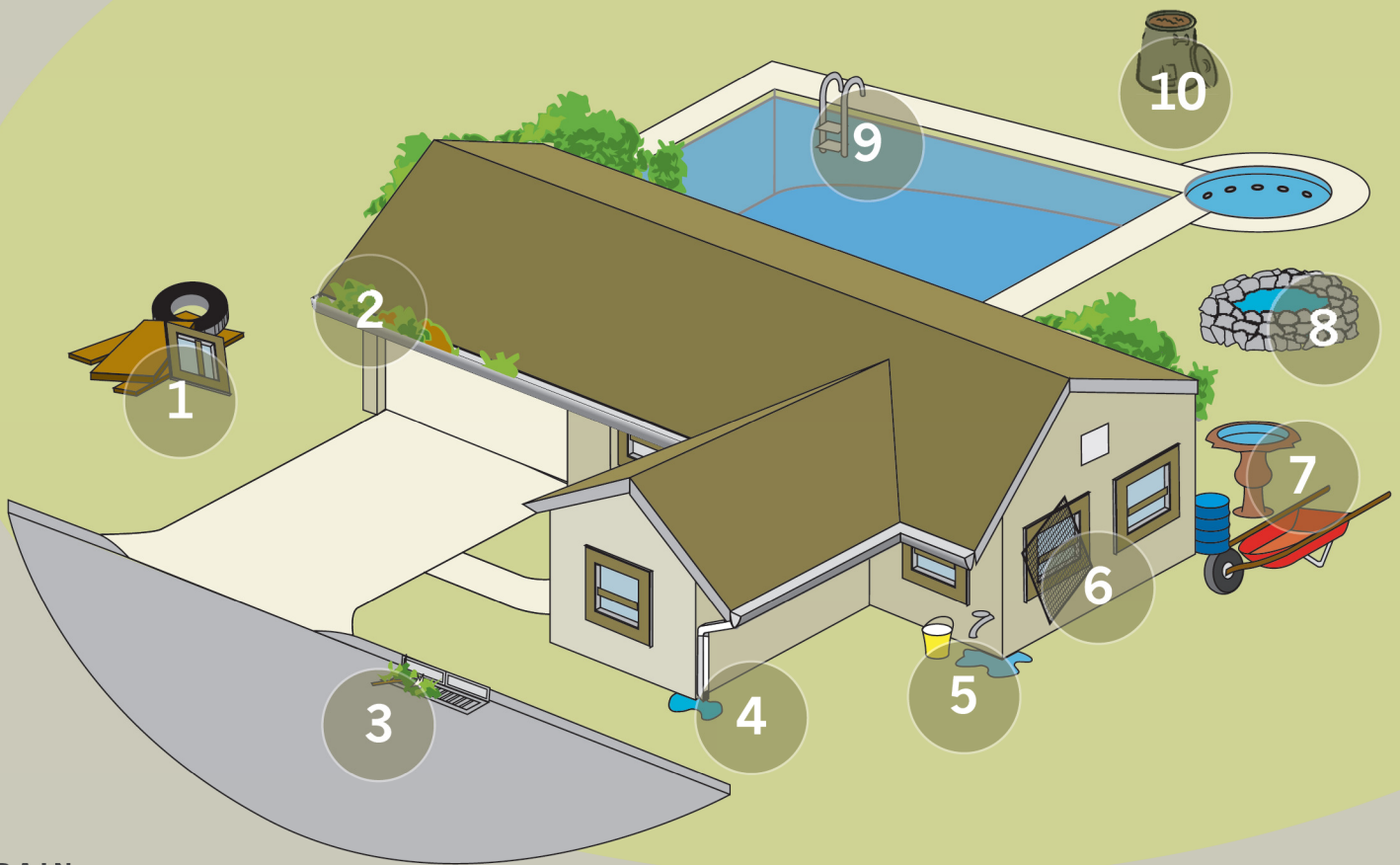


10 ways to reduce mosquito breeding areas around your home



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Protecting yourself, your family, and your neighbours

Mosquitoes that breed in standing water around homes and businesses are the types of mosquitoes most likely to spread WNV to people. Therefore, it is important to keep residential or business property free of standing and stagnant water. This helps reduce the number of mosquitoes in your neighbourhood as most mosquitoes fly about 1 to 3 km from their breeding site. Follow these simple practices to eliminate mosquito breeding sites on your property.

1. Old tires should be disposed of or moved inside. Do not let outside containers, equipment, or debris collect water – recycle, drill holes in, or overturn when not in use.
2. Eavestroughs should be kept clean to allow proper water drainage. Flat roofs should be kept free of standing water.
3. Storm drains and lawn basins should be kept free of debris such as yard waste, lawn cuttings, and leaves.
4. Roof downspouts should be properly designed and maintained to prevent standing water.
5. Leaky faucets should be repaired to prevent water build-up or pooling on the ground.
6. Windows and attic vents should be adequately screened and maintained to keep mosquitoes out of your home.
7. Stagnant water located in birdbaths should be changed weekly. Rain barrels should be covered with fine mesh and wheelbarrows overturned when not in use.
8. Ponds should be maintained. Using pumps or fountains to keep water circulating reduces mosquito breeding.
9. Swimming pools should have operating chlorine and circulation systems. Wading pools should be overturned when they are not in use.
10. Compost should be turned frequently to keep well-aerated.