Mosquito Control: What state and local mosquito control programs do

Why is local mosquito control important?
Some mosquitoes can spread viruses like Zika, West Nile, and dengue. Other mosquitoes bother people, but don’t spread viruses. Mosquito control activities reduce all types of mosquitoes.

Who conducts mosquito control?
Mosquito control districts or state and local government departments work to control mosquitoes.

What do local mosquito control programs do?

- **educate**
  Teach the public about mosquito control practices

- **respond**
  Act on information from health departments about cases of disease in the community

- **kill young mosquitoes**
  Treat water that cannot be covered or removed with larvicides

- **kill adult mosquitoes**
  Spray adulticides when mosquitoes are most active

- **conduct surveillance**
  Track mosquito populations and viruses they may be carrying

- **study mosquitoes**
  Determine if EPA-registered insecticides are effective

- **remove standing water**
  Reduce areas where mosquitoes lay eggs

Mosquito Control: You Have Options.