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We're now into mosquito season and as I'm sure you're all aware, mosquitos can be a nuisance and also spread disease. (The Zika virus has been well-covered in the media.). Attached please find the flyer "Pick-a-Day to Fight-the-Bite" which provides information on the Asian Tiger mosquito and how to combat the breeding and spread of these mosquitos at your facility.

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# PICK-A-DAY TO FIGHT-THE-BITE



## *Facts about the Asian tiger mosquito that transmits the **ZIKA VIRUS**:*

- ♦ They **ONLY** breed in standing water in man-made containers
- ♦ They **DO NOT** breed in ponds, puddles or any standing water with a soil substrate
- ♦ They exist throughout Virginia
- ♦ They bite during the day and fly close to the ground, making pesticide spraying ineffective
- ♦ They typically spend their entire lives within a 200-yard radius of their birthplace
- ♦ Larvae develop into adults in approximately 10 days

*Therefore.....*

***FROM MAY THROUGH OCTOBER  
PICK ONE DAY A WEEK  
TO CHECK FOR BREEDING SITES  
ON YOUR PROPERTY!***

***Over.....***



# **PICK-A-DAY TO FIGHT-THE-BITE**

## **Empty or change the water in these possible Mosquito Breeding Sites**

- Bird Baths
  - Boat and/or Cover
  - Buckets
  - Corrugated Drain Pipes
  - Fish Ponds
  - Flower Pots and Trays
  - Items behind your Shed
  - Items under your Deck
  - Pet Food/Water Bowls
  - Rain Gutters
  - Rain Barrels and Cisterns
  - Recycling Bins
  - Swimming Pools
  - Tarps
  - Tires
  - Toys
  - Trash Cans
  - Watering Cans
  - Wheelbarrows
  - Utility Carts
- ◆ Use Insect Repellent (look for active ingredients DEET, PICARDIN, or IR3535)
  - ◆ Wear long sleeves and pants
  - ◆ Use screens on windows

### **NOTES:**

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**PICK ONE DAY A WEEK TO BE YOUR  
MOSQUITO INSPECTION DAY**