



Green Pools & Preventing Mosquito Breeding

Backyard pools are a great way to cool down on those hot summer days. Maintenance is part of the responsibility of having a backyard pool, though. Without regular maintenance backyard pools can become ideal places for mosquitoes to breed.

Did you know:

- Among other standing/stagnant water sources, green pools can be potential backyard mosquito breeding sites.
- It only takes 3 – 4 days for a mosquito to grow from the larval stage to a “biting” adult.
- A single green pool can be a breeding site for 10,000 to 100,000 mosquitoes per day if not attended to.
- Green pools are not only ideal breeding sites for mosquitoes but they are also dangerous. If you can’t see through the water children or pets trapped in the water may not be visible from above.
- You are responsible for preventing mosquito breeding on your property.

The Town of Gilbert does not have the ability to treat green pools suspected of breeding mosquitoes. If you suspect someone has a green pool, Maricopa County Environmental Services has the ability to notify the homeowner as well as provide information on how to eliminate the risk for mosquito breeding. To report a green pool to Maricopa County Environmental Services please call 602-506-6616 or visit complete an [online complaint form](#).

To help keep yourself, your family, and your community healthy please make sure there is no stagnant water on your property. Common places for stagnant water include:

- Bird baths
- Buckets
- Fountains
- Tires
- Pet water dishes
- Plastic covers such as tarps
- Potted plant trays and saucers
- Toys
- Wading pools

Also, please remember draining a green pool into the street may cause stormwater pollution. Please drain green pools into the sanitary sewer cleanout, usually located in front of your house, after notifying Public Works by calling 480-503-6400.

Only Rain in the Storm Drain