BREEDING PREVENTION

Follow these steps to prevent this dangerous mosquito from breeding in your back yard:

- Dump and drain all standing water around your home
- Discard or store inside all unused containers, cans, buckets, or old tires
- Remove all water dishes from beneath potted plants
- Drill drain holes in the bottom of all plant pots
- Water plants at the bottom near the soil, not the top
- Throw away trash in your yard including wrappers and bags
- Clean out rain gutters and lawn drains to ensure water does not collect
- Make sure rain barrels are sealed to prevent mosquitoes from entering
- Empty bird baths and small fountains completely or clean them thoroughly every 3 days
- Request free mosquito fish from the District

Report Asian tiger mosquito sightings, daytime bites, or breeding sources to your local mosquito management district.

Your assistance is requested. You and your neighbors are important partners in controlling the Asian tiger mosquito.

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BREEDING BEHAVIOR

The Asian tiger mosquito requires very little water to lay eggs and breed. Females will lay individual eggs next to the water surface in buckets, flower pots, and even trash. They will also lay eggs in plants that hold water such as inside tree holes, bamboo, and flowering plants such as bromeliads. Asian tiger mosquito eggs can survive for years in the right environment. When containers where eggs have been laid fill with water, the eggs hatch and larvae emerge, maturing to biting adults in 7 to 12 days.

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