# **ATTENTION!**

An invasive mosquito species, *Aedes albopictus* (commonly named the **Asian tiger mosquito**) is spreading throughout the state and may be in your neighborhood. By reading this small brochure and following the simple steps, you can help to rid your neighborhood of this pest and begin to enjoy your backyard again.



## **SPOT THE TIGER**





**ARE YOU...** 

- •attacked by small (about 1/4") black mosquitoes with
- bright white stripes on the legs, back and head?
- •bitten mainly in the daytime?
- •bitten mostly in shaded areas of your property?
- •often bitten on the feet, ankles, or lower legs?
- •seeing a "feeding frenzy" around sunset?
- •harassed by mosquitoes that won't quit until they get a bite?

If you answered "yes" to most of these questions you probably have Asian tiger mosquitoes in your neighborhood



### SPREAD THE WORD



Tell your neighbors about the Asian tiger mosquito and ask them to help get rid of this pest in your area. An infestation in one yard can affect many others. Join the fight.

You can make a difference in your backyard

Turn card over for more information



## STEP

## **GO ON A TIGER HUNT**

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WHAT TO LOOK FOR-Asian tiger larvae appear light colored in dark water



Asian tiger mosquitoes utilize containers of water located in the SHADE to lay their eggs. You can find their larvae, or *wrigglers*, in the water held in these containers. Check for common larval habitats like:

•Old tires

Pet dishes

Buckets

- •Flower pots
- Child pools and toys
- •Plastic tarps

Watering cans

Bird baths

Asian tiger mosquitoes can be found in *very small* containers.

You should also check for:

- Bottle caps
- •Holes in the base of portable basketball nets
- •Plastic wrappers and bags hidden under shrubs

Use your imagination and check even the most unlikely small containers in the SHADE



### MAKE THE KILL



- •Discard all unwanted containers like old tires, empty cans, etc.
- •Change water at least weekly in bird baths, pet dishes, children's pools
- •Keep buckets, wheel barrows, etc. free of standing water
- •Fill in holes in trees with sand



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