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### Calvert County Mosquito Control Urges Residents to Eliminate Standing Water as Mosquito Breeding Grounds

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – September 1, 2011** – Due to the extraordinary amount of rain from Hurricane Irene, Calvert County Mosquito Control asks residents to help combat mosquitoes by inspecting their properties for standing water. Any area or container that holds water for a week or more has the potential to produce thousands of mosquitoes. The best way to prevent mosquito bites is to get rid of mosquito breeding habitats.

Not only do mosquitoes make outdoor activities uncomfortable, these pests can spread diseases such as West Nile virus. Calvert County Mosquito Control encourages residents to take steps to eliminate standing water in yards by:

- Draining or dumping tarps, buckets and flower pots
- Keeping roof gutters free of leaves and other debris
- Filling in tree stump holes from blown over trees as soon as possible
- Disposing of cans, plastic containers and anything else that can hold water
- Covering or drilling holes in recycling containers or outside trashcans
- Turning over wheelbarrows, wading pools, children's toys and other similar items
- Storing boats covered or upside down
- Cleaning water in birdbaths or wading pools regularly
- Making sure windows and doors have proper screening

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To prevent mosquito bites, residents should wear long pants and long sleeves when outdoors and use an approved insect repellent according to manufacturers' instructions.

If you have any questions, contact Mosquito Control at [mosquitocontrol@co.cal.md.us](mailto:mosquitocontrol@co.cal.md.us) or 410-535-6924.

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*Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.*