

Person 1: Ugh (*sound - smack of arm to swat a mosquito*), the worst thing about summer is all of the annoying mosquitoes that try to bite me.

Person 2: I know. I can't even go outside anymore in the evening without getting bitten.

Person 1: My friend told me the most important thing you can do to prevent mosquito bites is to drain and cover.

Person 2: Drain and cover, what does that mean?

Person 1: It means to make sure you drain any standing water from around your home to prevent mosquito breeding areas and cover yourself by wearing pants, long sleeves, or insect repellent. You should also throw away any old items that can collect water like tires or bottles, and empty and clean your pets' water bowls at least once a week.

Person 2: Really! It's that simple?

(Conversation fade out...)

Announcer: Mosquitoes are more than just a nuisance; they are carriers of dangerous diseases like West Nile Virus. Protect yourself by draining standing water from around your home or business to stop mosquitoes from living and multiplying, and cover your skin with clothing or repellent!

Feeling the sting of mosquitoes? Then it's time to drain and cover. For more information, visit escambiahealth.com.

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