Tips to Keep Mosquitoes Away

Your home is a place to enjoy time with family—not a playground for mosquitoes! Your Sesame Street friends have created a checklist of simple ways to protect your home and surrounding area from mosquitoes.

- Mosquitoes love water and wet areas. Remove standing water from places where it collects, such as flowerpots, drains, birdbaths, children’s pools, and roof gutters. Try also to avoid playing in areas with puddles.

- Make sure that your home has screens on the windows and doors. Even small holes can let in mosquitoes, so be sure to repair any tears in the screens. You can ask your child to play detective with you to help you find any holes in need of repair!

- Use mosquito netting over beds and cribs if air-conditioned and screened rooms are not available. Mosquito netting can also be used to cover strollers and carriers or when sleeping outdoors.

- Mosquitoes can bite in the daytime and the nighttime. So make sure to use and carry repellent when you go outdoors because there is always a time to say “1, 2, 3 stay away mosquitoes”!