

Dear Tenants / Homeowners,

Subject : Fight Against Dengue

Prevent the Breeding of the Aedes Mosquito

1. In support of the National Efforts led by the National Environment Agency (NEA), we would like to urge you to join us in the fight against the Aedes mosquito.
2. As the number of dengue cases and mosquito breeding sites continue to remain high in recent weeks, we urge you to do the following to prevent the Aedes mosquito from breeding in homes / tenanted properties and spreading dengue fever:
 - a. Please turn your pails and containers over to prevent water from accumulating in them.
 - b. Change water in bowls and vases daily and keep flowerpot plates dry to deter the breeding of mosquitoes.
 - c. If you place potted plants outside your premises in balconies or along corridors, do take measures to prevent water from stagnating in the flower plates, containers, pots, watering cans and other surfaces.
 - d. Clear roof gutters of leaves and silt that can clog and cause water to accumulate.
 - e. Water-containing containers such as ice cream tubs used for weeding, watering cans, pots, and other items should be kept dry and properly stored.
 - f. Do use *B.t.i.* Briquets (mosquito dunks), which are useful for killing larvae in water.
 - g. If you are vacating your rented premises for a short period, take the following measures to prevent unwanted *Aedes* 'guests' from moving into your premises:
 - * seal off all gully and floor traps
 - * add sand granular insecticide to stagnant water in plant bowls
 - * cover toilet bowls properly
 - * keep all items under shelter
3. We have attached a Dengue Prevention Checklist for your information. We are confident that with the support of each and every individual, we can win this fight against the Aedes mosquito.

Thank you.

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Dengue Prevention Checklist (Source : NEA)

To prevent the spread of dengue fever, you must first prevent the breeding of its carrier, the *Aedes* mosquito. The *Aedes* mosquito is easily identifiable by its distinctive black and white stripes on its body. It prefers to breed in clean, stagnant water, which is easily found in our homes. You can get rid of the *Aedes* mosquito by frequently checking and removing stagnant water in your premises.

The guidelines below will give you an overview of how you can prevent the *Aedes* mosquito from breeding.

At all times

- ❖ Turn pails and watering cans over and store them under shelter.
- ❖ Remove water in plant pot plates. Clean and scrub the plate thoroughly to remove mosquito eggs. Avoid the use of plant pot plates, if possible.
- ❖ Loosen soil from potted plants to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water on the surface of the hardened soil.
- ❖ Do not block the flow of water in scupper drains along common corridors. Avoid placing potted plants and other paraphernalia over the scupper drains.
- ❖ Cover rarely used gully traps. Replace the gully trap with non-perforated ones and install anti-mosquito valves.
- ❖ Cover bamboo pole holders after use. Rainwater can potentially accumulate in these bamboo pole holders if they are uncovered and create a habitat.
- ❖ Remove air-conditioner trays as the condensate could accumulate on them, which present an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes. Instead, redirect the condensate to bathrooms or toilets.

Every other day

- ❖ Change water in flower vases. Clean and scrub the inner sides of vases. Wash roots of flowers and plants thoroughly as mosquito eggs can stick to them easily.

Once a week

- ❖ Clear fallen leaves and stagnant water in your scupper drains and garden. These leaves collect water or cause chokages to the drains thus resulting in the buildup of stagnant water.

Once a month

- ❖ Add prescribed amounts of sand granular insecticide into vases, gully traps and roof gutters, even if they are dry. You can see the list of retailers who carry sand granular insecticides in their stores on this webpage:
<http://www.nea.gov.sg/aedes/insecticides>
- ❖ Clear away fallen leaves in roof gutters and apron drains. If structurally feasible, remove the roof gutters.