Let's Remove Stagnant Water Eliminate Mosquitoes for Healthy Living

Under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Chapter 132, Laws of Hong Kong), if mosquito breeding is found in any accumulation of water on any premises, the occupier will be liable for an offence of a fine of \$25,000.

The development of a mosquito consists of four stages, which takes about seven days to complete. The first three stages: eggs, larvae and pupae are aquatic. Therefore, the best way to prevent mosquito breeding is to remove stagnant water.

Introduction

Mosquito bites not only cause reddening, swelling and itching at the affected areas, but may also transmit diseases like malaria, Japanese encephalitis and dengue fever.

Keys to Mosquito Prevention at Home

- Tightly cover all water containers, wells and water storage tanks.
- Keep all drains free from blockage.
- Change water for flowers and plants at least once a week and leave no water in the plates or trays underneath flower pots.
- Properly dispose of refuse, like empty lunch boxes and soft drink cans where water accumulates.
- Top up all defective ground surfaces to prevent accumulation of stagnant water.

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