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 larvae or pupae of mosquitoes are found in any construction site, the appointed contractor will be liable for an offence of a fine of \$25,000.

Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water. They proliferate often as a result of accumulation of stagnant water in construction sites. Mosquito bites not only cause reddening, swelling and itching at the affected location, it may also transmit diseases like dengue fever, Japanese encephalitis, malaria and Chikungunya fever. To eradicate mosquito nuisance, the responsible persons of construction sites have to carry out the preventive measures as listed.

- Remove stagnant water promptly. If necessary, apply environmentally safe mosquito larvicides appropriately to kill any mosquito larvae found.
- Conduct regular inspections to ensure that there is no breeding of mosquitoes.
- Properly dispose of refuse, like useless cans, empty lunch boxes and disused tyres.
- Cover all water tanks properly to prevent mosquitoes laying eggs inside.
- Remove stagnant water in containers.
- Ends of bamboo scaffoldings should be filled up with sand or drilled with holes to prevent accumulation of stagnant water.
- Drain away water accumulated in holes, trenches, hollow spaces, etc. at least once a week and discharge the water to rainwater drain after appropriate treatment.

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