



# FLUSH THE TANK!

*Aedes aegypti*, *Aedes albopictus*, *Culex quinquefasciatus*, and *Culex nigripalpus* are some of the mosquito species that can be found growing in tank bromeliads. All of these species are aggressive biters and are capable of spreading disease. If you choose to grow bromeliads around your home, it is important that you maintain them to protect public health.

To check if mosquitoes are growing, siphon out the water from the leaf axils using a turkey baster. Squirt the water into a cup and look for mosquito larvae.

If you find mosquito larvae growing in your bromeliads, you can either (1) thoroughly flush your plants weekly to wash away any developing larvae or (2) treat the plant with a granular insecticide specifically registered for mosquito larvae, which can be purchased at a hardware store.

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