

Mitigating Mosquitos

Mosquitos can pose quite the nuisance and with rainy season here, we have to be vigilant in helping to reduce standing water in our communities. The "Drain and Cover" campaign created by Miami-Dade Department of Solid Waste is helping to educate residents on what they can do to help reduce mosquito breeding and protect themselves from getting bit. You can find educational material at:

<http://www.miamidade.gov/solidwaste/mosquito-control.asp>

We are so proud to announce that both Target and Walgreens have partnered with the County by displaying the Drain and Cover campaign information in their local stores.

County residents experiencing a mosquito nuisance are encouraged to:

- Call 311
- [Report the problem online](#), select **Property** and choose **Mosquitoes** from the drop-down menu.

You can help by reposting the educational information and sharing it with all of your neighbors, coworkers and communities. (We have added some social media messages in this newsletter as well)

The Florida Department of Health also has campaign materials for teacher and kids. Kids are encouraged to help "spill the water"

Spill the Water! is a fun, educational campaign that teaches kids about mosquitoes. Mosquitoes can breed in as little as one teaspoon or a bottle cap of water, so eliminating sources of standing water around homes is critical to keep mosquitoes from multiplying. When kids Spill the Water!, they can be superheroes in their home and community! Spillthewater.com is full of great resources tailored to kids, parents and teachers including:

- A 30-second superhero themed [video](#) just for kids;
- [Activity sheets](#) for pre-k, elementary, middle and high school levels;
- A [Teacher Tool](#) filled with brain teaser exercises that correspond to activity sheets and meet Florida Standards benchmarks;
- Important information for parents about how to protect their kids from mosquitoes; and
- Resources for young adults to volunteer to help Spill the Water! in their community.

LMS Calendar

<http://www.miamidade.gov/fire/mitigation.asp>

Next LMS Quarterly Meeting:

Date: September 21, 2016

Time: 9:30-11:30 am

Location: Webinar

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7439088242088640772>

All Working Group Members and the public are welcome to attend.

Future Quarterly Meetings:

December 14, 2016

March 15, 2017

June 21, 2017





Feeling the sting of mosquitoes?
Then it's time to **drain and cover.**



DRAIN

Drain standing water.

Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers where sprinkler or rain water has collected.

DISCARD:

old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.

EMPTY AND CLEAN:

birdbaths and pets' water bowls at least once or twice a week.

PROTECT:

boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.

MAINTAIN:

the water balance (pool chemistry) of swimming pools. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

Stop mosquitoes from living and multiplying around your home or business.



Protect yourself from mosquito bites and the diseases they may carry.

Don't forget to **drain and cover.**

COVER



COVER YOUR SKIN WITH:

CLOTHING If you must be outside when mosquitoes are active, cover up. Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and long sleeves.

REPELLENT Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective. Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months.

COVER DOORS AND WINDOWS WITH SCREENS.

Keep mosquitoes out of your house. Repair broken screens on windows, doors, porches, and patios.



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Call 3-1-1 to Report Mosquitoes

Social Media Messages for Mosquito Control

Mosquito Control Social Media Messages

Facebook

Miami-Dade County reminds residents to "Drain and Cover" as summer rains become more frequent. For more information on mosquito control, visit www.miamidade.gov/mosquitoes.

Kids can help prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases and be super heroes in their community. All they need to do is cover up and #SpilltheWater! Watch video to learn more.

<https://www.youtube.com/v/hcb1uhk87XY?autoplay=1>

Watch the video below to see how Miami-Dade Mosquito Control works to prevent mosquito breeding and the spread of mosquito-borne illnesses in our community:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwzo-4kji6M> To learn how you can control the mosquito population at home, visit www.miamidade.gov/mosquitoes.

Mosquito control is a community-wide effort. In order to prevent mosquito breeding and the potential spread of mosquito-borne illnesses we need everyone in Miami-Dade County to do their part.

Applying the "Drain and Cover" principles is the most effective way to control the mosquito population at home. Some of the things you can do around your home or business to combat mosquitoes are:

- Drain all standing water that is found outdoors
- Rainwater found collecting in ornamental plants, especially bromeliads, should be flushed out with a hose frequently or treated with a safe larvicide
- Cover windows and doors with screens
- Wear long sleeves and pants to prevent bites
- Apply mosquito repellent when going outdoors

For more tips on how to [#DrainAndCover](#), visit: <http://www.miamidade.gov/solidwaste/mosquito-control.asp>

[#DoYouKnow](#) why [#mosquito](#) bites itch and how to protect yourself from being bitten? Learn how to [#FighttheBite](#) from [#Nemours](#) (Eng) <http://goo.gl/tJSaKq> & (Sp) <http://goo.gl/Lbliw9>

Do you know all of the areas around your home that can potentially accumulate standing water and become a [#mosquito](#) breeding ground? If not, take a look at our Mosquito Control Webpage and look at the "Sources of Standing Water" diagram. From landscaping water runoff to your pet's water dish, you may be surprised where mosquitoes can breed.

To view and download a copy of the diagram for yourself, or to learn about other ways you can control the mosquito population at home, visit: <http://www.miamidade.gov/solidwaste/mosquito-control.asp>.

Rain is back in the forecast, and with it comes the chance that standing water will accumulate around your property. Please remember to DRAIN all standing water to prevent mosquito breeding and mosquito-borne illnesses!

For more information on how you can control the mosquito population from home, visit <http://www.miamidade.gov/solidwaste/mosquito-control.asp>.

Current Agency Actions

Florida Health in Miami-Dade County and the Department of Solid Waste Management are very active in monitoring, educating and mosquito spraying in our community. There are two cases in Miami-Dade and two in Broward that are being investigated as possibly being locally transmitted. In all cases (travel related as well) that have been reported, Mosquito Control has provided spraying in the vicinity and provides educational materials to the neighborhoods. The Health Department conducts investigations into reported cases.

Residents and visitors with questions regarding Zika are reminded to call the Zika Virus Information Hotline at **1-855-622-6735**.

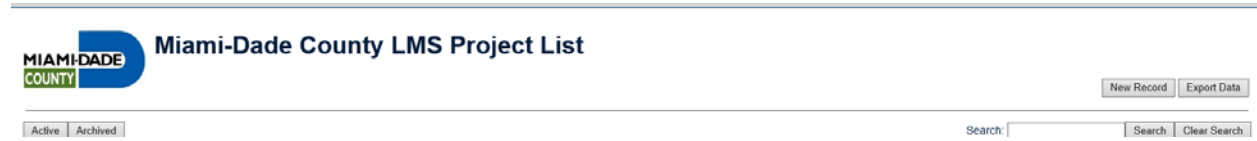
LMS Project Updates

We are getting closer to our annual update deadline of October 31st. Please ensure you are updating all of your projects at least one time per calendar year. I will be working to assist with getting projects geocoded and mapped.

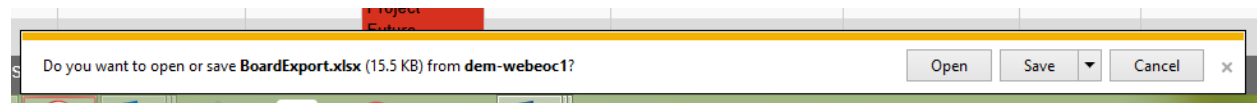
I have heard from a few new people who are now tracking projects and I am happy to ensure you have your log in information and if needed a guide to help you navigate through what to enter. If you don't have an account and want to add projects, please contact me.

Update tip: If you have a number of different people/departments/divisions that you need to get information from you may want to either download the excel spreadsheet with the projects or print out/pdf the individual projects and send them to the people who may be more familiar with the project to have them help you with the update.

For the Excel list: Click on the Export Data tab (upper right hand corner of the board)



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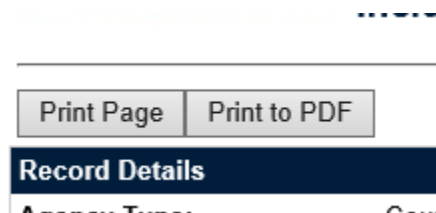


You can open or save the excel. (This gives you most of the fields that are on the form.)

Print Individual Projects: Click on the Details box next to each project

Tracking #	Map	Agency Type	Agency	Project Title	Date of Update	Status	Hazards	Project Type	Grant Source	Funding Status	Estimated Costs	Flood Basin	Global March	BCR	Details	BCR Edit
#6465	Map	County Departments	Emergency Management	Coral Gables Senior Retrofit Study	04/08/2016 14.20.10	Future Unfunded Project		Infrastructure (Building)		(Select)	25,000.00			89	Details	BCR
#6450	Map	County Departments	Emergency Management	Barbara Goleman Senior Survey	04/08/2016 14.12.25	Funding Secured	.Wind	Infrastructure (Building)	State Shelter Retrofit State Retrofit Funding	Identified Funding Source	0.00			89	Details	BCR

When it opens, click on the print page/print pdf option (If I am printing I usually reduce the size to fit it on one page (right mouse click and the then under shrink to fit I usually select 60-70% - depends on the project info.))



If you remember nothing else, please remember this...

- Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.
- There are a handful of projects that have not been updated in over one year and I WILL be notifying you for the update or they will be removed.
- There are still a number of projects that do not have a completed Benefit Cost Review (BCR) this is part of our local prioritization. When competitive funds become available, if you project has a "0" next to it, it will not be considered to be a priority.
- If you want to be considered an active member of LMS, **you MUST have at least one project** on the list.

Our third quarterly meeting is coming up, and it will be a webinar (second one this year) so no excuses for not being able to attend. Register and call in using your code and I know you were on the line. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7439088242088640772>

LMS Contacts

I know some of you like to retire or move on from LMS, though I miss you (will miss you) tremendously, I need you to do me a huge favor before you go. **Please let me know whom the next point of contact for LMS for your agency is.** It is very hard for me to keep up with all of the County Departments and Divisions, 33 municipalities and other agencies who have projects on the list. I promise to do my part to keep you informed, as long as you promise to do your part and let me know who should be on the list.

Upcoming Trainings

Through State training website <http://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/loginform.aspx>

- **Cyber Security** - August 4-5 (Miami Beach)
- **Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program** – August 8-10 (Broward EOC)
- **G-400 Advanced Incident Command** - August 9-10 (Coral Springs)
- **MGT – Critical Asset Risk Management** August 24-25 (Miami Dade)
- **Preliminary Damage Assessment** (this is not ARM360 training) August 25 (Miami-Dade)
- **Continuity of Operations Program Manager Train the Trainer** August 30-31 (Broward EOC)

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Basic Training

August 20, 21 & 25 (you must attend all three) the 20th & 21st 8am – 5pm and 25th 5pm-9pm
Doral, Florida sign up here <http://eepurl.com/b-Yl6H>

For more information email: CERT@miamidade.gov

Thank you to all for your continued support and wonderful mitigation

You can reach me at perkins@miamidade.gov or 305-468-5429. You can also email the mdlms@miamidade.gov account.

Register for the September 21st meeting: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7439088242088640772>