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## Civic drive throws up 1,700 mosquito breeding spots

TNN | May 14, 2017, 11.01 PM IST Navi Mumbai: With many residents not adhering to the health department guidelines for preventing of

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of mosquitoes in their

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, NMMC has started a drive to located breeding spots within households.



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"This is a regular activity of the health department before the onset of the monsoons, in which residential areas are inspected for [mosquito](#) larvae. Breeding spots are removed and the residents are made aware about the measures to be adopted for curbing malaria and dengue," said the in-charge of malaria department Dr Ujwala Oturkar.

The drive, which started from April 1 and has been extended till May 15, will have health workers visiting 3,37,008 houses. Until May 9, each of these houses were checked for breeding in tanks, drums, lofts and flower pots.

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Of the 6,24,152 spots inspected, officials found larvae of aedes, anopheles and culux mosquitoes in 1,711 places. The number of breeding spots was found to be more than last year's count of 1,514.

"The findings show residents were not following guidelines. In the past four years, there has been a dip in dengue and malaria cases, but residents need to be cautious as dengue mosquitoes breed in fresh water," said a health department official.