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“Fight the Bite” of Flood-Water Mosquitoes with Tips from the Township

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (September 8, 2017) – With the recent flooding throughout the city, The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department offers a variety of tips for residents to protect themselves against mosquito-borne infections.

Some of the viruses spread by mosquitoes include Zika, dengue and West Nile. While the Center for Disease Control and Prevention “does not expect to see cases of Zika appear in the area because of the flooding,” cases of West Nile have been reported in Texas in recent months. The best way to ensure safety from these viruses is to practice mosquito safety and prevent mosquito bites altogether.

Mosquito Prevention Tips

- Wear repellent with DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, p-menthane-3,8-diol, or 2-Undecanone.
- Cover up with long, light, loose clothing.
- Use oscillating fans to keep air moving across porches and decks.
- Keep mosquitoes outside by using air conditioning and maintaining windows and screens.
- Remove standing water where mosquitoes can lay eggs around your home.
- Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out any items that hold water such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpot saucers, or trash containers.
- Tightly cover water storage containers (buckets, cisterns, rain barrels) so that mosquitoes cannot get inside to lay eggs.
- For containers without lids, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.
- Use larvicides to treat large containers of water that will not be used for drinking and cannot be covered or dumped out.
- If you have a septic tank, repair cracks or gaps. Cover open vent or plumbing pipes. Use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.



The mission of The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department is to empower informed choices for the sustained health of our community and environment. The department coordinates a wide variety of programs that provide information and resources for healthy, sustainable living. For more information about The Woodlands Township, please visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov or call 281-210-3800.