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NATIONAL MOSQUITO CONTROL AWARENESS WEEK

SUFFOLK, VA (June 12, 2023) The American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) has declared June 18th through June 24, 2023, as National Mosquito Control Awareness Week. The public plays a critical role in reducing mosquito populations so reminding citizens of what they can do to help is essential in fighting the bite.

Charles Abadam, Suffolk Mosquito Control Superintendent, says, "Mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water, and it only takes 3 to 7 days for those eggs to hatch. It is important for everyone to help with preventing potential breeding sites. Tip and toss containers holding water, dispose of old tires, clear gutters, drain water from tarps, and clean kiddie pools are popular and effective ways for homeowners to reduce mosquito populations in their yards."

Business owners can help too by clearing gutters and keeping parking lots litter free. Something as small as a bottle top can hold water and be a potential breeding site. Business owners can borrow equipment to assist with keeping their area litter free by calling the Litter Control Office 514-7604. Ensuring lids are fastened on dumpsters and trashcans to keep out rainwater helps, too!

Free Mosquito Dunks are available to Suffolk residents at Fire Stations, Libraries, Recreation Centers, City Hall, Public Works Operation facility and the Visitor Center. You do need to bring a Suffolk ID. Mosquito Dunks are a biological pesticide that kills mosquito larvae or young mosquitoes that live in stagnant water. Place mosquito dunks

in stagnant water ponds, ditches, or containers such as bird-baths. The dunks will be effective for about a month. Residents can get one free pack every month.

For more information, please contact Suffolk Mosquito Control 514-7609
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