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Suffolk Mosquito Control Responds to Mosquito Increase

SUFFOLK, Va. (May 18, 2009) Increased rain in Suffolk has brought more than May flowers. Suffolk Mosquito Control reports an increase in spring mosquito populations. As a result, the division has stepped up its responses to the biting bugs.

In recent weeks, Suffolk Mosquito Control has increased their adult and larval mosquito surveillance. They have also increased treatment of standing water and evening spray applications for adult mosquitoes.

Suffolk Mosquito Control offers the following suggestions to help citizens avoid and repel mosquitoes:

- Remain indoors during times of greatest mosquito activity -1 hour before dusk to 1 hour after dawn.
- Wear long sleeve shirts, long pants, shoes, socks, and light colored clothing during high incidences of mosquito activity.
- Avoid wearing perfumed soaps, sprays or other sweet smelling formulations because mosquitoes can be attracted to them.
- Use insect repellent containing DEET. Carefully follow label directions. DEET is safe for individuals ages 2 and up.
- Empty water-holding containers, i.e., buckets, drums, bottles, tin cans, wheel barrows, potted plant trays, etc.

- Properly dispose used tires.
- Clear roof gutters, downspouts and corrugated black drainpipes for any water collection.
- Clean wading and swimming pools.
- Drain water from tarps.
- Place Mosquito Dunks in stagnant water areas around your home which include ditches and low lying areas.

Free Mosquito Dunks (1 per citizen, per month) are available to Suffolk citizens at local fire stations and at the reception desk at the Municipal Center.

Mosquito Briquets can be retrieved at the following locations:

Suffolk Municipal Building
441 Market St.

Fire Station 1
400 Market Street

Fire Station 4
837 Lake Kilby Road

Fire Station 7
6666 O'Kelly Road

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Fire Station 9
300 Kings Highway

Fire Station 3
1001 Whitmarsh Road

Fire Station 5
3901 Bridge Road

Fire Station 8
6235 Whaleyville Boulevard

Fire Station 10
4869 Bennetts Pasture Road