

## NEWS RELEASE

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### THEY'RE BA-A-ACK!



SUFFOLK, Virginia (April 9, 2010) Mosquitoes, that is. As the warm weather sets in, so does the unmistakable “itch of summer” - mosquitoes have returned for another irritating season! And as they begin their blood-

thirsty assault they carry the risk of West Nile Virus, a threat that is much more serious than the red, itchy bites that mosquitoes leave behind.

Suffolk Mosquito Control is starting its' Mosquito Dunk Distribution Program again this year. Mosquito dunks are available free to Suffolk citizens from April through November 2010. Citizens retrieving a mosquito dunk packet must be 18 years old, show proper identification and give their name, address, phone number, and provide their signature at the dunk distribution center.

Mosquito Dunks are a biological pesticide that kills mosquito larvae (lar-vee) or young that live in stagnant water around your home. Place mosquito dunks in these areas or artificial containers (tires, buckets, any container that holds water) that have or will have mosquito larvae. The dunks will work for about a month.

Citizens can help control the populations of mosquitoes by keeping areas free of trash and debris, ridding areas of old tires (tires with water can breed thousands of mosquitoes), and by dumping any standing water found in flower pots and other containers that hold water. For more information on this and other facts, visit our website: [www.suffolk.va.us/pub\\_wks/mosquitoes/](http://www.suffolk.va.us/pub_wks/mosquitoes/).

Mosquito dunks can be retrieved at the following locations:

Suffolk Municipal Building, 441 Market Street

Fire Station 1, 400 Market Street

Fire Station 3, 1001 Whitemarsh Road

Fire Station 4, 837 Lake Kilby Road

Fire Station 5, 3901 Bridge Road

Fire Station 7, 5555 O'Kelly Road

Fire Station 8, 6235 Whaleyville Boulevard

Fire Station 9, 300 Kings Highway

Fire Station 10, 4869 Bennetts Pasture Road

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