



CITY OF KENNER

Public Information

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MOSQUITO CONTROL INFORMATION

There are a number of potentially serious illnesses that can be spread by the bite of an infected mosquito, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

These include the West Nile virus, the Zika virus, dengue, malaria and the Chikungunya virus.

While most people will not become ill if bitten by an infected mosquito, elderly people, the very young and those with weakened immune systems are at greater risk.

Although the greatest danger is near canals, swamps and other bodies of water, it is possible for mosquitoes that carry these diseases to breed in residential neighborhoods. Individuals are advised to regularly check around their homes for areas where mosquitoes can breed, and to eliminate anything that can hold water – even something as small as a bottle cap.

These precautions will reduce the chances of mosquitoes breeding around your home:

- Empty containers that might be holding water weekly.
- Flush bird baths, kiddie pools, pet water bowls, and bromeliads weekly.
- Don't over water potted plants; remove pans under flower pots to dump any unnecessary water.
- If you have a swimming pool, fountain, pond or water garden, make sure it has a pump that is operational and keeps water circulating. Stock ponds with minnows or other fish.
- Treat swimming pools with appropriate chemicals on a regular basis.
- Check roof gutters to make sure they are not clogged or holding water.
- Fill and grade low spots, indentations and tire tracks.
- Remove trash and spare parts from your yard and keep grass mowed.
- Keep boats, barbecue grills, etc. covered (make sure tarp is tight and doesn't hold water) or drain regularly.
- Remove old tires from your yard by placing them curbside for collection (4/week/home) or bring them to the nearest trash drop off site for disposal.
- Fill tree holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete.
- Residents are advised to take the following steps to protect themselves from mosquito bites: avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk, wear long sleeves and long pants when outside, use insect repellent recommended by the CDC according to label directions. All window and door screens should be bug tight.

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