

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION

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NATIONAL MOSQUITO CONTROL AWARENESS WEEK - June 18-24, 2023

Please Get the Word Out!

Dear Business Administrator:

Each year, the week of June 21 is declared "**National Mosquito Control Awareness Week**" by the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) to educate the general public about the significance of mosquitoes in their daily lives and the important service provided by mosquito control workers throughout New Jersey and the United States.

In light of the major nuisance caused by the invasive Asian tiger mosquito and the threat of mosquito-borne illnesses such as West Nile virus, eastern equine encephalitis, etc., to residents of the county, the Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission is requesting your cooperative effort in drawing the public's attention to reduce mosquitoes in their local communities.

Please share the enclosed brochures which contain information on mosquito life cycle, mosquito source checklist and tips on how to manage mosquitoes around homes and businesses which will help citizens reduce the numbers of mosquitoes in their own neighborhoods.

The Commission also encourages your office to announce the observance of National Mosquito Control Awareness Week through your local mass media channels.

Sincerely,

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Deepak Matadha, PhD
Superintendent

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National Mosquito Control Awareness Week

June 18 – June 24, 2023

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In observance of the event, *Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission* is urging residents to take a proactive approach to controlling mosquitoes in the community and guarding against bites and mosquito borne diseases during this week and throughout the year.

Tips to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites and prevent mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile virus:

PREVENT:

- Eliminate or manage all sources of standing water to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs. All mosquitoes need standing water to complete their life cycle. Once a week, empty or throw out items that hold water, such as scrap tires, buckets, planters, toys, pool covers, birdbaths, downspouts, flowerpots, trash containers, etc.
- Cut down weeds, trim and maintain shrubs and grass to limit adult mosquitoes resting/harboring in the vegetation.
- Ensure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

PROTECT:

- Avoid being outside during dawn and dusk times. This is when many mosquito species are most active.
- Wear long, loose-fitting, and light-colored clothing if outdoors when possible. Mosquitoes look for exposed skin to bite and are more attracted to dark colored clothing.
- Apply an effective insect repellent, such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, and Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE). Always apply according to the label instructions.

REPORT:

- Contact the County Mosquito Commission either by phone at **732-549-0665** or via our website link [“Request for Inspection/Service”](https://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/government/departments/departments-of-public-safety-and-health/middlesex-county-mosquito-commission) for any additional mosquito problem.
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