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“Fight the Bite”- Mosquito Prevention and Protection

June 20-26 is National Mosquito Control Awareness Week

Each year, the week of June 21 is declared National Mosquito Control Awareness Week by the American Mosquito Control Association. Mosquitoes are more than just a nuisance as they can also transmit diseases such as heartworm, Eastern Equine Encephalitis and the West Nile Virus. Mosquito Control employees will be handing out educational flyers and other materials to residents in North Charleston and Mount Pleasant on Friday, June 25 to better educate the public about mosquito control.

Always remember the three D's of protection and help Charleston County Mosquito Control “Fight the Bite.”

DRAIN

- Keep your yard clean and mowed
- Fix leaking faucets
- Keep gutters clean
- Empty containers that hold water such as plant saucers, tarps and toys
- Maintain swimming pools
- Change birdbaths twice a week

DRESS

- Stay indoors at dusk, dawn and early evening
- Wear light-colored, loose fitting clothing including long sleeve shirts and long pants while outside
- Avoid perfumes

DEFEND

- Apply insect repellent with DEET to exposed skin
- Install screens on open windows

Charleston County Mosquito Control provides service to the County's 1,353 square miles with surveillance, treatment of aquatic stage mosquitoes and adult mosquitos. There are more than 50 species of mosquitoes that live in the County, 30 of those bite people and pets. Residents can request a mosquito control spray, or be added to the spray notification list for bee keepers and those with allergies: <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/public-works/work-order-request.php>. Charleston County maintains a call book of bee keepers who have signed up and we provide 24 hour notice before an aerial adult stage treatment and day of spray truck treatments.

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