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## Fight the Bite! Kill Mosquitos before they bite you: the City of Dallas is providing free mosquito dunks to residents

**Dallas** – To control mosquito populations and combat mosquito borne viruses, the City of Dallas Code Compliance Services Department is providing free mosquito dunks to City of Dallas residents. Mosquitoes only need water to reproduce, and have a gestation cycle from egg to adult in 7 to 10 days. Mosquito dunks are a proactive and non-toxic way to kill mosquito larvae up to 30 days in standing water around your home. One mosquito dunk will cover up to 100 square feet of water surface and are not harmful to other animals. Mosquito dunks can be used by simply being placed in any body of water that is not normally drained, such as: unused swimming pools, stagnant ponds, animal watering troughs, birdbaths, the plates under potted plants, old tires, empty containers, toys and clogged rain gutters and French drains.

The mosquito dunks will be available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 3112 Canton St., Suite 100 and 7901 Goforth. Both locations are closed from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch. The City will provide one package per household. Citizens must show proof of residency (driver's license or utility bill) and can only apply the dunks to their property. The product is not for resale and residents should follow the product label. Dunks will be distributed while supplies last.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes. The best way to avoid exposure to mosquito borne viruses such as West Nile Virus and Zika Virus is to avoid mosquito bites by employing the 4 **Ds**':

- **D**rain or treat standing water in and around your home or neighborhood.
- **D**usk and dawn, stay indoors during this time to avoid mosquitoes when they are most active. The mosquito that carries the Zika Virus is active during daytime hours, so be sure to protect yourself at all times.
- **D**ress in long, loose and light-colored clothing outside.
- **D**eet. All day. Every day. Whenever you're outside, use insect repellent that contains DEET or other EPA approved repellents and follow instructions.

To report standing water or mosquito problems Dallas residents should call 3-1-1. For additional information on mosquito control visit [dallascitynews.net/fightthebite](http://dallascitynews.net/fightthebite).