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Bexar County Continues Vector Control Efforts as West Nile Positive Mosquitoes Confirmed in Adjacent Communities

The Bexar County Public Works department has been working diligently this summer to monitor and manage mosquito activity in order to protect residents from mosquito-borne illnesses. On August 23, the City of San Antonio Metro Health Department and the City of Live Oak confirmed the discovery of West Nile positive mosquitoes in their respective jurisdictions.

Although no West Nile positive mosquitoes have been detected in unincorporated Bexar County, it is important to take care and be aware during this time.

Over the last several months, Bexar County Public Works staff treated over 4,200 acres of public ditches, various drainage areas, standing water and County parks with a multitude of mosquito abatement methods. Larvicide treatments mitigate mosquito eggs and commenced in the Spring while routine fogging started in May. The fogging agent used is safe for the environment and eradicates adult mosquitoes.

To protect yourself from mosquitos, you should remember to **“Pour It Out”**:

DRAIN standing water to stop mosquitoes from multiplying.

- Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers where sprinkler or rain water has collected.
- Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.
- Empty and clean birdbaths and pet water bowls at least once or twice a week.
- Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.
- Maintain swimming pools in good condition and appropriately chlorinated.
- Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

COVER skin with clothing or repellent.

- Clothing - Wear shoes, socks, and long pants and long-sleeves. This type of protection may be necessary for people who must work in areas where mosquitoes are present.
- Repellent - Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing.
- If possible, stay indoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

For more information on mosquito-borne disease activity including the West Nile virus, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/>

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