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Mosquito Basics

Integrated Mosquito Management Program

Did You Know...

- A single water-filled bucket can produce hundreds of biting mosquitoes.
- Most disease-causing mosquitoes spend their entire lives near their container-breeding site.
- While the adult mosquito's life expectancy is not usually more than a few weeks, the female may lay several batches of eggs each containing several hundred eggs during its life.

What can you do?

Take a few minutes to go outside and look around your yard. Anything that holds water could be a potential breeding site for mosquitoes. It doesn't take much water and it doesn't take much time. Why raise mosquitoes in your own back yard? Dump those containers; turn them upside down; or better yet put them inside your garage or basement. It is such a simple, but very effective way, to protect your family from mosquito-borne diseases like encephalitis and West Nile virus.

Detailed information about the mosquito program and a form to request service or report an area of concern is available on the web site. Visit www.myfcph.org or call Franklin County Public Health's Mosquito Bite Line at (614)525-BITE (2483).

Franklin County Public Health is providing this information for educational use throughout the 2011 Mosquito Season. Please feel free to use this information throughout your community in newsletters, or on your website.

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