PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST MOSQUITOES:
TIPS FROM THE CAMDEN COUNTY MOSQUITO COMMISSION

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You are the first line of defense against mosquitoes in your yard this spring and summer.

Camden County's Mosquito Commission does spraying on public roads throughout the County during the breeding season to knock down adult mosquito populations. Several factors are taken into consideration in determining where to spray and when. In addition, inspectors are on the job every day to lessen the occurrence of mosquito breeding. But the frontline to mosquito control is you. Here are some tips from Freeholder Jeff Nash and the Mosquito Commission on how to fight the battle of the buzz and make sure your property doesn't become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Tips:

- **Mosquitoes need stagnant water to breed**. Check your property regularly for anything that holds water for more than a few days. These include among other items, trash cans/lids, flower pots, bird baths, buckets, tires, rain gutters, kids' toys, tire swings, kiddie pools, and even things as small as bottle caps.
- Dispose of any unnecessary containers that hold water and empty remaining items after each rain event or at least twice a week. If possible, store remaining containers indoors.
- Check folds in pool covers and tarps that can trap rainwater and become a breeding site.
- Store boats upside down so they drain. If covered, keep the tarp tight so water doesn't pool on top.
- Check for items under bushes, in tall grass, and other areas that are shaded.
- Check downspout extensions. If ribbed, or at an angle that allows rainwater to pool inside the extension, this creates a perfect habitat for mosquitoes to breed.
- Change water in bird baths, fountains, and animal troughs weekly. Stock fish or add mosquito larvicide to ornamental ponds.
- Maintain backyard pools. Poorly maintained pools can become a mosquito breeding ground within days after you stop adding chlorine or some other disinfectant.
- Buy mosquito repellant to spray yourself and family members when going outdoors.
- Use an oscillating fan on decks and patios while entertaining to keep mosquitoes away.
- Maintain screens on doors and windows to keep mosquitoes from entering your home.
- Consider hiring a private contractor to spray if you're planning an outdoor event.

For more information on the Mosquito Commission or for schedules on spraying, visit **www.camdencounty.com**, where you can also register to receive weekly email updates on news and information useful to you.

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