National Mosquito Control Awareness Week
June 23 – June 29, 2019

The week of June 23–June 29, 2019 is declared as “National Mosquito Control Awareness Week” to educate the general public about the significance of mosquitoes in their daily lives and the important service provided by mosquito control workers.

In observance of the event, Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission is urging residents to take a proactive approach to controlling mosquitoes in the community and guarding against bites and mosquito borne diseases during this week and throughout the year.

Tips to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites and prevent West Nile virus, chikungunya and Zika infections:

PREVENT:
• Eliminate or manage all sources of standing water to discourage mosquito breeding. Once a week, empty or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers.
• Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
• Cut down weeds, trim and maintain shrubs and grass to reduce adult mosquitoes harboring in vegetation.

PROTECT:
• Stay inside at dawn, dusk and early evening when mosquitoes are most active.
• If you must be outdoors during these times, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
• Apply insect repellent containing EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, and Oil of lemon eucalyptus (PMD). Always apply according to label instructions.

REPORT:
• Contact the Mosquito Commission either by phone at 732-549-0665 or via our website using the quick link “Request for Service” if there is a significant mosquito problem or to find additional information.

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