National Mosquito Control Awareness Week June 15 – June 21, 2025

The week of June 15– June 21, 2025 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 mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile virus:

PREVENT:

- Eliminate or manage all sources of standing water to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs. All
 mosquitoes need standing water to complete their life cycle. Once a week, empty or throw out
 items that hold water, such as scrap tires, buckets, planters, toys, pool covers, birdbaths,
 downspouts, flowerpots, trash containers, etc.
- Cut down weeds, trim and maintain shrubs and grass to limit adult mosquitoes resting/harboring in the vegetation.
- Ensure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

PROTECT:

- Avoid being outside during dawn and dusk times. This is when many mosquito species are most active.
- Wear long, loose-fitting, and light-colored clothing if outdoors when possible. Mosquitoes look for exposed skin to bite and are more attracted to dark colored clothing.
- Apply an effective insect repellent, such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, and Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE). Always apply according to the label instructions.

REPORT:

Contact the County Mosquito Commission either by phone at 732-549-0665 or via our website link "Request for Inspection/Service" for any additional mosquito problem.
 https://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/government/departments/department-of-public-safety-and-health/middlesex-county-mosquito-commission

Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission 200 Parsonage Rd. Edison NJ 08837

