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Charleston County to Recognize National Mosquito Awareness Week

National Mosquito Control Awareness Week is June 24 through June 30 and Charleston County will use this opportunity to focus on educating citizens about the elimination of container-breeding mosquitos. Container-breeding mosquitoes account for up to 30 percent of the requests for service received by the division each year. Container-breeding mosquitoes such as the Albopictus and Aegypti Mosquitoes can carry common diseases such as West Nile virus and Zika virus.

The most effective way to control these mosquitoes is to eliminate their breeding source.

- Flush birdbaths, potted plant saucers, pet dishes and other objects that hold water every three days.
- Put window screening over rain-collecting barrels and buckets.
- Keep roof gutters cleaned of leaves and branches.
- Cover swimming pools or clean out debris and maintain recommended chlorine or other chemical levels.
- Pull drain plugs out of uncovered boats and make sure that boat covers are pulled tight to shed rainwater.
- Keep yard clean of toys and other items that hold water.
- To contact Charleston County Mosquito Control with questions or concerns, please call (843)202-7880.

Mosquito Control Work Request: <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/public-works/work-order-request.php>

During the week, brochures will be distributed to Charleston County libraries, as well as County parks. On Tuesday, June 26, Charleston County Mosquito Control will participate in an educational event at MUSC from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

There will be **media availability** on Friday, June 29, County Inspectors will canvas the Park Circle neighborhood from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to survey for mosquito breeding sites and conduct citizen awareness efforts. Media should contact Shawn Smetana at SSmetana@charlestoncounty.org to arrange interviews and b-roll opportunities with County Inspectors.

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