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Mosquito Control Dunks Available Through Meriden Department of Health and Human Services

The Meriden Department of Health and Human Services is offering mosquito control consultation services and larvicidal mosquito dunks **AT NO COST** to residents of Meriden.

Mosquito dunks are a larvicide designed to lessen the mosquito population, and thus, lessen the potential for West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis and Zika Virus. They are safe for use around the home because they utilize a naturally occurring biological treatment to eliminate mosquitos before they become flying/feeding adults.

Now is the time to be proactive about mosquito control because they are just beginning to breed for the summer season. Breeding sites include standing water in wetland areas or yard depressions, clogged rain gutters, empty garden containers, used tire piles, standing water on pool covers or in unused pools, and tree holes.

It is important to empty standing water on your property once a week to eliminate potential mosquito breeding. When standing water cannot be removed the use of a larvicide will eliminate immature mosquitoes before they can mature into flying adults.

The Meriden Department of Health and Human Services will provide to Meriden residents or homeowners associations:

- 1. A site visit to assess standing water issues and make recommendations for eliminating mosquito breeding conditions, and**
- 2. An initial treatment with mosquito dunks*.**

**Please note that the Department will only provide larvicide dunks for standing water bodies less than 400 square feet. Application of the larvicide will be done by the homeowner.*

For more information on mosquito control please contact the Environmental Health office at (203) 630-4226 (option 3) or email cbuckley@meridencn.gov. **We will distribute dunks to residents until our supply is gone.**