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MOSQUITO PROTECTION EFFORTS

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Carteret County, NC – In response to flooding and excessive rainfall due to Hurricane Florence, the Carteret County Health Department advises the public to remain diligent in their personal mosquito protection efforts.

These efforts should include the “5 D’s” for prevention:

- **Dusk and Dawn:** Minimize time outdoors when mosquitoes are active. Mosquitos often bite at just before or after sunset.
- **Dress:** Wear loose, light-colored clothing that covers most of your skin.
- **DEET:** When the potential exists for exposure to mosquitoes, repellents containing DEET are recommended. Picaridin and oil of lemon eucalyptus are other repellent options. See www.epa.gov/insect-repellents for options.
- **Drainage:** Check your home to rid the area of standing water, which is where mosquitoes can lay their eggs.
 - o Dispose of any tires. Tires can breed thousands of mosquitoes.
 - o Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers.
 - o Clear roof gutter of debris.
 - o Clean pet water dishes regularly.
 - o Check and empty children’s toys.
 - o Repair leaky outdoor faucets.
 - o Change the water in bird baths at least once a week.
 - o Turn over canoes and other boats, or treat them with approved larvicides.
 - o Avoid water collecting on pool covers.
 - o Empty water collected in tarps around the yard or on woodpiles.
 - o Plug or fill tree holes.
 - o Add minnows to isolated water such as rain barrels and ornamental ponds

For more information on Carteret County mosquito spraying efforts and how to request mosquito spraying in your area, please contact Carteret County Public Works at (252) 648-7878.

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