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The City of Coppell Environmental Health Department maintains an Integrated Mosquito Management Program. One of the most effective ways to control mosquito populations is to reduce the number and types of breeding sources in your community. All mosquitoes require a water source to lay their eggs.

The Coppell Environmental Health Department will treat standing water on public property that contains mosquito larvae. Natural areas such as creeks, streams, ponds, etc. are typically not treated with Larvacide as healthy aquatic environments contain predatory aquatic insects and fish that eat mosquito larvae. In addition, mosquitoes will not lay their eggs in flowing water. However, if larvae are present in these areas, Larvacide will be applied.

To assist the City of Coppell in controlling mosquitoes, the citizens of Coppell can help by using source reduction strategies in your community. Work around your house to eliminate mosquito-breeding sites.

Prevention is paramount in protecting our residents. Please distribute this information and the attached hand-outs to your family, friends, and neighbors.

- Avoid outside activities between dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear lightweight clothing that covers your arms and legs and use insect repellent when outdoors. Follow directions on the repellent's label.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight fitting screens and remain closed.
- Eliminate mosquito-breeding sites around your home or business by removing standing water in potted plants, tires, bird baths and other places where water may collect.
- Ensure that swimming pools and decorative water features are properly maintained.

If you become aware of a green pool or other mosquito breeding site, please report the site to 972-462-5177.

Sincerely,

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