

City of Dallas implements beekeeper notification list

Dallas – The City of Dallas now has a 311 Mosquito Beekeeper Notification list to allow beekeepers to protect hives and colonies before ground or aerial mosquito spraying. Beekeepers can call 311 to get on the notification list or submit a request online, providing a phone number or email contact. Notifications will be made by email 4 to 7 hours before ground spraying and by email or phone 12 to 24 hours before aerial spraying. The notification will include the date and approximate time of spraying.

The best way to avoid exposure to mosquito borne viruses such as West Nile Virus and Zika Virus is to avoid mosquito bites by employing the 4 **Ds**’:

- **Drain** or treat standing water in and around your home or neighborhood.
- **Dusk** and dawn, stay indoors during this time to avoid mosquitoes when they are most active. The mosquito that carries the Zika Virus is active during daytime hours, so be sure to protect yourself at all times.
- **Dress** in long, loose and light-colored clothing outside.
- **Deet**. All day. Every day. Whenever you’re outside, use insect repellent that contains DEET or other EPA approved repellents and follow instructions.

Most mosquitoes are homegrown and all need water to reproduce. Mosquitoes can grow from egg to adult in as little as seven days. Breeding places for mosquitoes include swimming pools that are not kept clean, stagnant ponds, pet watering dishes, birdbaths, potted plants, old tires, empty containers, toys and clogged rain gutters and French drains. Standing water should be eliminated promptly.

Call 311 to report standing water or mosquito problems. For additional information on mosquito control visit www.dallascitynews.net/fightthebite