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City Urges Residents to Remove Standing Water from Their Property

New Braunfels, Texas — Due to the recent rains from Tropical Storm Harvey, the City is urging residents to remove any standing water on their property. Doing so will help control mosquito populations and combat the threat of Zika as well as West Nile Virus and other mosquito related illnesses.

To address hard to drain areas, the City of New Braunfels is providing free mosquito dunks to City of New Braunfels residents. The mosquito dunks will be available at City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 550 Landa Street in the main reception area. The City will provide one package of two dunks per household. Citizens must show proof of residency (driver's license or utility bill) and can only apply the dunks on their property. The product is not for resale and residents should follow the product label. The dunks will be distributed while supplies last.

Protection against mosquito bites

After most storms or weather related events people spend more time outside cleaning up debris and are more likely to be bitten by mosquitoes. Residents are urged to take precautions against mosquito bites by reducing outdoor activity during early morning and nighttime hours. Residents who are outside during these times should cover their arms and legs and use a mosquito repellent.

Prevent mosquito breeding

The public is still a crucial part of the overall solution by continuing efforts to eliminate mosquito-breeding areas in their yard. 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. Standing water should be eliminated promptly, as mosquitoes can grow from egg to adult in as little as seven days.

For additional information on mosquito control information visit www.nbtexas.org/MosquitoControl This site will be updated with new information as needed.

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