

HARRISON COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL

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Subject: Increase in mosquito activity

After several storms rolled through South Mississippi, bringing large amounts of rain and heavy flooding, Harrison County has seen a rise in the population of “floodwater mosquitoes”. While the potential to spread disease is low with this particular species of mosquito, the nuisance factor is high. These mosquitoes are typically more active around sunset and in shady areas. They are fierce biters and will feed on humans, livestock, and pets.

Harrison County Mosquito Control is working day and night to rectify the problem, by spraying areas where there has been an increase in mosquito activity. To reduce the risk of being bitten, Mosquito Control recommends these practices:

1. Wear long pants and long sleeved shirts when outdoors. Particularly at dawn & dusk.
2. Make sure screens on windows and doors are in good condition.
3. Use mosquito repellent when outdoors. Be sure to use according to the label. (CDC recommends EPA-registered insect repellent that contain at least 20% DEET. Less than 10% DEET for children.)
4. Eliminate standing water, old tires, cans and blocked gutters from your property.
5. Maintain your swimming pools. Empty or cover swimming pools when not in use.
6. Keep birdbaths clean. Change the water at least once a week.
7. Report mosquito concerns to your local mosquito control office.