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Mosquito Repellents

As mosquito season is ramping up, everyone is (hopefully) aware of possible disease transmission by mosquitoes. It is important that you protect yourself when spending time outside.

Activity times for mosquitoes can vary. Most people are familiar with the four D's- DRAIN (standing water), DEET (wear some repellent), DUSK & DAWN (stay indoors during dusk and dawn to avoid peak populations) and DRESS (wear long sleeves and long pants). While this is still good advice, it may be a good idea to spread the dress and repellent advice for anytime you spend time outdoors.

When outside, wear long pants and a long sleeved shirt in light colors to reduce the number of mosquitoes that can reach your skin. Repellent should only be applied to clothing and exposed skin. Do not apply repellent underneath clothing! If you want to apply repellent to your face, spray your hands with repellent and rub it onto your face. Do not spray repellent directly into your face or near eyes or mouth. Make sure to apply repellent outdoors. Do not allow children to handle repellents. Wash hands before eating, smoking or using the restroom.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends using a product registered with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) containing one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535 and some of the products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus.

DEET, also known N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide or N,N-dimethylbenzamide, was developed by the U.S. Army in 1946 to protect soldiers in insect-infested areas. Pesticides containing DEET have been used by the general public since 1957. Products containing DEET should not be used on children younger than 2 months of age (read the label and check with your pediatrician if you have questions). DEET has a slight odor and may have a greasy feel to some people. It may damage plastic, rubber, vinyl or synthetic fabrics. DEET may be irritating to the eyes and skin for some people. DEET comes in a wide variety of concentrations, so choose the one that will work best for your situation.

Picaridin was first made in the 1980's and resembles a natural compound called piperine (which is found in plants used to produce black pepper). Picaridin has been used in Europe and Australia for many years, but has only been in the U.S. since 2005. Picaridin is

non-greasy and is odorless.

IR-3535, or 3-[N-Butyl-N- acetyl]-aminopropionic acid, ethyl ester, was developed in the mid- 1970's and became registered for use in the U.S. in 1999. It is registered as a biopesticide by the EPA because it is functionally identical to a naturally occurring substance (an amino-acid). It may dissolve or damage plastics and may be irritating to the eyes.

Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or PMD (para-menthane-3,8-diol) are essentially the same thing; PMD is the synthesized (lab created) version of oil of lemon eucalyptus. "Pure" or "essential" oil of lemon eucalyptus is not labeled as a repellent and has not undergone testing and should not be used as a repellent product. OLE/PMD has been on the market in the U.S. since 2002. OLE/PMD should not be used on children younger than 3 years of age. The natural product (OLE) has known allergens within it while the synthetic version (PMD) has less of a risk to allergens. This product is classified as a biopesticide. OLE/PMD has a varying range of residual, some offering about 20 minutes of protection while other products may last up to two hours.

Many factors play into how long a repellent will last for a person. Some of these are:

- The concentration (or percent of active ingredient) of the product. You can find the percentage on the product label.
- Person's attractiveness. Some people are more attractive to mosquitoes than others (and no scientific research has proven that it is because of eating garlic, taking vitamin B, using tobacco products, etc.). A person's genetic code plays a large part on what makes a person so attractive to mosquitoes.
- Frequency and uniformity of application. In other words, how often is the repellent applied and how good of coverage did you get?
- Activity level of the person. The more active the person is, the more sweat they produce which can cause the repellent to wash off the surface of the skin.

As a word of caution, there are products that combine sunscreen and insect repellent. The CDC recommends that if you need

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sunscreen and repellent, that you choose two separate products. Sunscreen should be applied more often than repellents.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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2017 Pool Schedule

May 6th through May 25th

Monday through Friday	Closed
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Exceptions:

Saturday, May 6th (Swim Meet) 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 13th (Swim Meet) 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

May 26th through August 27th

Monday	4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday through Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Exceptions:

Saturday, May 27th (Swim Meet) 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Monday, May 29th (Memorial Day) 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

September 2nd through September 4th

Monday through Friday	Closed
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Exceptions:

Monday, September 4th (Labor Day) 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

You will be required to wear your pool tags in the pool area. Guests will be allowed only as described in Wortham Villages Pool Rules.

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INCIDENT REPORT MARCH 2017

INCIDENT	OFFENSE TOTAL	INCIDENT	OFFENSE TOTAL
911 Hang Up.....	1	DWI	1
Acct/Unk Maj/Min	1	Follow Up	2
Accident/FGSI	7	In Progress.....	2
Accident/Minor.....	9	Information Call	3
Alarm Local.....	15	Injury to Child.....	1
Alarm/Sil/Pan/HU	4	Meet the Citizen	13
Animal/Aggressive	1	Meet the Officer.....	2
Assault/Family	2	MUD Building Check	34
Burglary/Habitat.....	1	Neighborhood Check.....	11
Burglary/Motor Vehicle.....	8	Telephone/Harass	1
Check Business.....	12	Theft/Other.....	3
Check Park.....	9	Traffic Initiative.....	5
Contract Check.....	263	Traffic Hazard	2
Criminal Mischief.....	1	Traffic Stop.....	48
Discharge Firearm	1	Unk Med Emerg	3
Disturbance/Family.....	1	Vehicle Speeding	2
Disturbance/Loud Noise	4	Vehicle Suspicious	12
Disturbance/Other	4	Vehicle Stolen.....	1
Domestic/Prevent.....	2	Welfare Check.....	3



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Wortham Villages Recreation Facilities Corner

By Rick Anderson

The pool season starts on May 6, 2017 this year. The Wortham Board and Recreational Facilities Committee members handed out pool tags on 4/22, 4/23 and 4/25. If you did not pick up the tags during these times you will need to contact Crest Management and a \$20 fee per household will be required to be paid to Crest Management for these tags. Only homeowners who are in good standing (annual assessment fees are paid) with the Homeowner's Association (HOA) at the time the tags are picked up can receive their tags.

Also, as we do every year, the Wortham Villages HOA will be sponsoring a Pool Opening Party to be held on Sunday (5/7) from 12-3 pm. Food, music, door prizes and games for the kids will be provided. Please plan on attending this event to meet your neighbors

and enjoy our facilities. We have had great turnouts in the past and hope to have it again this year. The Recreational Facilities Committee plans and staffs this event.

The Committee was put in place to not only perform the functions/events noted above, but to also look at ways to improve our facilities for the use of our homeowners/residents. The facilities we are responsible for include the pool/clubhouse; tennis courts; pool area grounds; as well as the detention area playground, park, baseball field and soccer/volleyball areas. We are looking for ways to better maintain/upgrade our facilities and need additional volunteers to join the Committee. If interested please contact Rick Anderson at rick_anderson@efiglobal.com or 281-890-4878.





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1. Before going to bed, set out breakfast items and lay out everything you'll need for work or school so you simply pick-up-'n-go in the morning.
2. Get up 20 minutes earlier so you can have a non-rushed breakfast. (if you need an alarm clock to wake you up in the morning, you aren't going to bed on time, say sleep experts).
3. Walk whenever possible (take the stairs instead of the elevator, hand-deliver work papers, etc.)
4. Plan grocery shopping, banking, and post office visits so you hit the non-chaotic times (e.g. don't grocery shop on Saturday afternoon, don't go to the bank on Friday afternoon, and don't try to mail a package on Monday morning).
5. Go to the bathroom before leaving home or work (simple, but amazing stress reducer.)
6. Look for the humor in every situation. Humor allows you to jump out of the picture so you can get a grip on things.
7. Get an answering machine so you can accept phone calls on your schedule, not other people's

WORTHAM VILLAGES BOARD MEETINGS

Wortham Villages Board meetings are open to all homeowner's. Monthly board meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the offices of Crest Management (17171 Park Row, Suite 310, Houston, Texas 77084), but may be changed for various reasons, including due to scheduling conflicts. For an accurate notification of board meetings, dates and times please visit Crest Management's website www.crest-management.com, then click on communities, then scroll down to Wortham Villages and click on it. There is box for you to put your email address that will notify you when the board is going to meet. The board does meet on a regular basis, although do cancel occasionally if the board cannot obtain a quorum. If you are interested in attending a board meeting, we do ask that you contact Crest Management beforehand so time can be scheduled and set aside during the meeting to address your comments or request.

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