

DISTRICT NEWS

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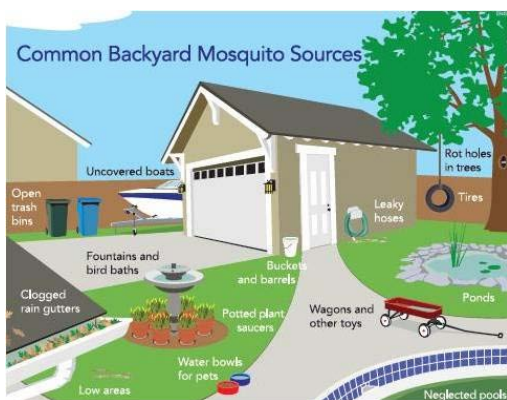
MOSQUITO CONTROL AND TREATMENT PLAN

Denton County Fresh Water Supply District 1-A has taken a proactive approach to help prevent the spread of West Nile Virus by implementing a Mosquito Control and Treatment Plan. The details of the plan are included with this newsletter. You can help by calling the office at 972-899-4000 to report standing water on District-maintained property.

Residents are also encouraged to report abandoned or neglected private swimming pools or other standing water on private property by calling Denton County Health Inspector, Eddie D. San Jacinto, at (972) 434-8862.

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST WEST NILE VIRUS

Take the proper precautions to reduce the risk of getting West Nile Virus by following the 4-D's in your defense against mosquitoes:



1. DRAIN standing water in your yard and neighborhood to cut mosquito breeding sites. Many female mosquitoes can lay 100-300 eggs on the surface of fresh or stagnant water every third night during its life span. Empty water from buckets, cans, pool covers, flower pots, and other items.

2. DUSK & DAWN are the times of day you should try to stay indoors; this is when mosquitoes are most active.

3. DRESS in long sleeves and pants when you're outside, and spray thin clothing with repellent. Wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks sprayed with repellent while outdoors can help prevent bites. Do not spray repellent on the skin underneath clothing.

4. DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent (check for 10-30%). Spray your skin or clothing with insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus when you go outdoors. Permethrin also can be used on clothing, shoes, bed nets, and camping gear, but not on skin. Use repellents carefully. Repellents containing DEET and picaridin may be used for adults and children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus may be used for children ages 3 and older. Do not put repellent on a child's hands because it may get in their mouth or eyes.

KEEP CASTLE HILLS CLEAN

With the advent of spring, residents begin posting personal signs on light poles, park signs, street signs, stop signs, trees, speed limit signs, fire hydrants, and the like announcing everything from garage sales, to lost pets and missing items. Please keep in mind that it is against District rules to affix any signage to light poles, park signs, street signs, or any traffic signs. The materials that are used to affix signs to the poles damage the finish, create unwanted trash and clutter, and visually degrade the community. Our District staff spends time each month removing the signs which takes them away from their normal duties.

STATISTICS

- Castle Hills currently has 2,847 homes with an estimated population of 9,964. That's an increase of 246 homes as compared to the same month last year.
- Customers purchased 38.52 million gallons of water in March 2013. That's an increase of 4.07 million gallons as compared to the same month last year.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please remember that most streets in the Castle Hills community are 25 mph, with the exception of Windhaven. Following the posted traffic signs will not only help your wallet, but will also help keep our community safe.

Regardless of the width of the roadway, most roadways in Castle Hills have only one lane in each direction, unless it is divided by painted lane markings or roadway buttons. Please do not pass other vehicles in these lanes, even if they appear wide enough to do so.

CONSTRUCTION AND PERMITTING ACTIVITY

Please shop in our Districts first as those sales tax dollars help pay for the public safety that is provided by Police, Fire, and EMS services. The Target shopping center (Lewisville Towne Center) is part of our Districts, as well as all of the Village shops.

Currently the following are projects that are in various stages of planning and submittals:

New Commercial –Platinum Hills Phase II	Windhaven Pkwy
Castle Hills Village	Hwy 121 & Josey Ln
Lewisville Town Crossing-Shell Building F	4850 SH 121
Lewisville Town Crossing-Shell Building J	4750 SH 121
Kiddie Academy	King Arthur

COMMERCIAL PERMITS Issued (March 1 –March 31st):

Puppy Hood
Lewisville Town Crossing-Shell Building A

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS Issued (February 1st – February 28th):

New Single Family	22
Fence/Retaining Wall Permits	52
Pool Permits	5
Misc. Permits*	16

*(includes, but not limited to, remodels, patios, arbors, outdoor living areas, etc.)

WHO DO I CALL?

Have you ever wondered who to call to have a street light repaired, a street sign fixed, report a water leak, or any other “city service” type of question? The District has several avenues to assist our residents in answering these questions and responding to areas of concern. During normal business hours, you can call (972) 899-4000 to speak to one of our staff members. After hours, we have a 24-hour call service (972) 709-2359 that can dispatch our on-call staff to address emergency issues. Our website, www.dentoncountyfwsd.com has a link that allows residents to send an email notification of an area of concern. We are here to help keep this community safe and working to your expectations. Please let us know if we can be of assistance.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management would like to remind residents of the following guidelines regarding yard waste pick up:

- Brush and/or limbs individually must be less than 4” in diameter.
- Brush and/or limbs must be less than 4’ in length.
- Brush and/or limbs must be tied (w/twine or other fastener) in bundles of 50 lbs. or less.
- The amount of brush and/or limbs may not be greater than the amount that would securely fit in the bed of a standard pick-up truck at one time.
- Yard waste and other bulky items will only be picked up on Fridays.