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## Mosquito Control and Treatment Plan

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Denton County Fresh Water Supply District 1-A has prepared a Mosquito Control and Treatment Plan to prevent the spread of West Nile Virus, West Nile Fever and the Zika Virus in the coming months.

- **NOTIFICATION**

DCFWS D 1-A has implemented a notification system that will give residents the option to be notified of mosquito control treatments by email, text, and/or phone 24 hours in advance of treatment. To sign up for this system, visit our website at [www.dentoncountyfwsd.com](http://www.dentoncountyfwsd.com), and click the link to our Emergency Alert System Portal located on our “Home” page. For more information, you may call our office at the above phone number or send an email to [customerservice@dentoncountyfwsd.com](mailto:customerservice@dentoncountyfwsd.com).

- **STANDING WATER/MOSQUITO TABLETS**

DCFWS D 1-A offices will distribute a free packet of “dunk” tablets to residents on a limited basis (one per household). Residents can visit our office, at the address listed above, to receive their free packet. Residents will be required to show a current driver’s license or current water bill bearing a single family Castle Hills home address in order to receive their free packet of “dunk” tablets. Packets will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis, until the supply is exhausted.

The “dunk” tablets should be used according to the directions provided and is intended to kill mosquito eggs and larvae in standing water sources, such as ponds or planters. While these tablets can be an effective control mechanism, residents should continue to use all precautions to minimize their risk of exposure.

Residents and businesses are also reminded that larvicide tablets can be purchased, inexpensively, at many local retailers. Some local hardware stores may carry a product called Mosquito Dunk® that contains a larvicide--*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (BTI)*--for use in areas of standing water around the home. This product contains bacteria that kill mosquito larvae, but do not harm plants or animals. Direct handling of larvicides may cause skin and eye irritation. If these products are purchased for home use, we recommend careful reading of the hazards label, directions, and details regarding storage and handling.

All ponds and lakes within Castle Hills are aerated and the creeks have moving water in them. Any standing bodies of water, on District maintained property, will be treated with larvicide.

- **INFORMATION**

To help minimize the risk, DCFWS D 1-A has included valuable information on our website regarding mosquito control and the prevention of West Nile Virus, such as eliminating standing water on your property and using insect repellent when outdoors. Residents may also find additional information about mosquito control and prevention by calling the Denton County West Nile Virus Hotline at (940) 349-2907 or by calling the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control at 800-CDC-INFO (232-4636) or by visiting the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/westnile](http://www.cdc.gov/westnile).