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# Warmer weather, rain bring more mosquitoes

Warmer weather and recent rains have led to an increase of mosquito activity. Local Public Health officials are strongly urging residents to reduce mosquito populations around their home and to protect themselves against mosquito bites and the possible spread of mosquito-borne illnesses.

“The most effective actions we can take to protect against mosquitoes are to reduce their breeding areas and to use mosquito repellent on ourselves,” says Dwain Butler, Southeast Health District Environmental Health Director.

He recommends pouring out stagnant water in birdbaths, pet dishes, old tires and any other receptacle in which mosquitoes might breed. This will greatly reduce mosquito populations.

Public health officials also suggest making sure you and your children use mosquito repellent on exposed skin and clothing when outdoors during times mosquitoes are most active, usually early morning or evening hours. A repellent containing DEET should be used according to package instructions. Repellents with DEET should not be used on infants, and children older than 2 should only use repellents that contain less than 10 percent DEET.

For more information about these protective measures or mosquito-borne illnesses, contact your local health department.

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