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Dear Citizens:

I thought it would be of interest to update you on the City of Corsicana initiatives for mosquito control this year. Citywide spraying started on May 22 and will continue throughout the summer. The spray route covers one-fourth of the City each night and the truck generally sprays between 8:00 p.m. and midnight four days a week. Tablets have been placed in standing water locations around the City for larva control.

**Citizens** can take the following steps to minimize mosquito infestations:

Eliminate standing water. Destroy or dispose of tin cans, old tires, buckets, unused plastic swimming pools or other containers that collect and hold water. Do not allow water to accumulate in the saucers of flowerpots or in pet dishes for more than two days.

Clean debris from rain gutters and remove any standing water under or around structures, or on flat roofs. Check around faucets and air conditioner units and repair leaks or eliminate puddles that remain for several days.

Change the water in birdbaths and wading pools at least once a week.

Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water.

**What can Citizens do to reduce mosquito bites?**

If possible, schedule activities to avoid the times when mosquitoes are most active - usually dawn and dusk, and dress in light, loose-fitting clothing. If you have a deck, light it using General Electric yellow "Bug Lights". These lights are not repellent, but do not attract mosquitoes like other incandescent lights. Mosquitoes are relatively weak fliers, so placing a large fan on your deck can provide a low-tech solution. Citronella candles have a mild repellent effect, but do not offer significantly more protection than other candles producing smoke. Even when following all the precautions above to eliminate mosquito habitat, some mosquitoes will still be around to spoil the fun. Limit exposure to the mosquitoes by using effective repellents and sprays.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

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Mayor