**Mosquito Control: What State and Local Mosquito Control Programs Do**

**Why is local mosquito control important?**
Some mosquitoes can spread germs. Other mosquitoes bother people, but don’t spread germs. Mosquito control activities reduce all types of mosquitoes.

**Who conducts mosquito control?**
Mosquito control districts or state and local government departments work to control mosquitoes.

- **Educate**
  Teach the public about mosquito control practices

- **Respond**
  Act on information from health departments about cases of disease in the community

- **Kill larvae**
  Treat water that cannot be covered or removed with larvicides

- **Kill adult mosquitoes**
  Spray adulticides when mosquitoes are most active

- **Conduct surveillance**
  Track mosquito populations and germs they may be spreading

- **Study mosquitoes**
  Determine if EPA-registered insecticides are effective

- **Remove standing water**
  Reduce areas where mosquitoes lay eggs that hatch into larvae

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**Mosquito Control: You Have Options.**
Learn more: www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes

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