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Mosquito Control Awareness Week

GLYNN COUNTY, Ga. - The American Mosquito Control Association has declared the week of June 26th National Mosquito Control Awareness Week. Glynn County has contracted with Mosquito Control Services of Georgia LLC. for mosquito abatement services. They strive to educate the citizens of Glynn County with information about mosquitoes and their importance. Mosquitoes can transmit serious illnesses, such as West Nile virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Dengue fever, Malaria, and many more. These diseases can have long lasting effects and in some cases even be fatal.

The team of professionals at Mosquito Control Services of Georgia provides year-round monitoring and abatement of the different mosquito populations found in Georgia and Glynn County. Technicians are out in the field scouting for breeding habitats, monitoring rainfall and tide levels, as well as communicating with the public to learn about problem areas. The staff utilizes a variety of control methods, which includes many natural approaches that have a low-impact on the environment and non-target organisms. Various types of traps are used to monitor the different mosquito species found in Glynn County and the data generated from population surveillance is analyzed to maximize control efficiency.

The citizens of Glynn County can also provide some assistance to the mission. One of the most common mosquito species encountered in Georgia is the Asian tiger mosquito, *Aedes albopictus*. This species is a container breeding mosquito and the larvae are commonly

found in and around residences in artificial containers such as old tires, pet water dishes, gutters, boats, canoes, tarps, barrels, buckets, pool covers, birdbaths, and many other objects that can hold water. Even the smallest of containers can collect water and breed mosquitoes like bottle caps and lids! By regularly changing pet water dishes and birdbaths, and overturning containers, drilling holes in recycling containers and keeping gutters free of debris, you can help prevent mosquitoes from breeding around your home.

There are also products and methods that can help prevent you from mosquito bites:

- Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing. When practical, wear long sleeves and pants.
- Choose an EPA-registered mosquito repellent that contains any of these active ingredients:
 - DEET
 - Picaridin
 - Oil of lemon eucalyptus
- Try to stay indoors during peak mosquito activity hours which are dawn and dusk.

With summer in full swing in Coastal Georgia, we encourage everyone to be aware of the risks that mosquitoes pose to the public. Mosquito Control Services of Georgia strives to decrease the mosquito pressure and reduce the risk of disease in an effort to provide relief to the citizens of Glynn County. For additional information, please contact Travis Dorsey, Entomologist with Mosquito Control Services of Georgia at 912-217-6300.

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