



Ft Hood Mosquito Information

We have all experienced the bites of mosquitoes. Along with their annoying itching, some mosquitoes may also transmit disease. The Department of Preventive Medicine (DPM) and Department of Public Works Natural Resources work together in identifying and treating mosquito breeding sites. DPM also conducts mosquito surveillance for West Nile Virus on post.

Below are some steps that you can follow to help reduce your chances of being bitten by mosquitoes.

1. Eliminate all standing water in your area: Check old tires, flowerpots, toys, tarps and rain gutters. Change water in pet bowls and children's pools once a week. It only takes a very small amount of water to breed thousands of mosquitoes.
2. Use an insect repellent that contains DEET or Picaridin. 30% - 35% DEET for adults and 10% for children over 2 months. Make sure you read and follow the manufacturer's directions for use. Spray clothing as well as exposed skin. Do not spray DEET on pets.
3. If not using a repellent, at a minimum wear shoes dress in long sleeves and long pants when you are outside.
4. Try to stay indoors at dusk and dawn, the times when mosquitoes are most active.