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Larvicide tablets recommended to kill mosquitos

TABLETS AVAILABLE AT ABILENE TAYLOR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

ABILENE, Texas – Abilene Taylor County Public Health District would like to encourage Abilene residents to use larvicide tablets or dunks to most effectively reduce the mosquito population in our area.

A limited supply of larvicide tablets are available at the Abilene Taylor County Public Health District, located at 850 North 6th Street, during regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Larvicide tablets and dunks can also be purchased at local home supply stores, or online, at a cost ranging from \$10 to \$20 a package.

Larvicide dunks or tablets should be placed in standing bodies of water that are unable to drain quickly. Larvicide kills mosquito larvae, keeping mosquitos from growing into adulthood. The tablet larvicide is effective up to 60 days.

The City of Abilene uses larvicide tablets for mosquito control as sprays can only kill mosquitos that come into immediate contact with it, and put unnecessary pesticides into the air. Research also shows mosquitos build a resistance to pesticides, while killing beneficial insects, like pollinating bees.

The Public Health District is actively trapping and testing mosquitos for infectious diseases and viruses. In the event a mosquito tests positive for an infectious disease or virus, the targeted spraying of pesticide will be used to supplement the larvicide tablets already administered citywide.

Residents are also encouraged to practice the four Ds of mosquito prevention and control: **drain** standing water, use **deet**, avoid being outdoors at **dawn and dusk**, and **dress** in clothing that covers as much skin as possible.

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