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BRUSH PICKUP CONTINUES

- All storm damage brush must be moved to curb or alley side for pick up.
- Call 654-6823 so a work order can be entered when your debris is ready.
- Street & Alley will continue pickup for another week. The last day will be Friday, June 10.

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Mosquito Season



This is the time of year when the Street & Alley division of the Public Works Department begins the annual battle with the mosquito.



Adult mosquito control (fogging or spraying) is the mosquito control most familiar to the public. Spraying, however, only kills mosquitoes that come in contact with the insecticide droplets and the fog soon dissipates. Fogging does not prevent mosquitoes from re-entering the area so the population is reduced for only a few days. The most effective method of mosquito control is larviciding or the treatment of locations where mosquito larvae are present. The City also uses this method to aid in control.

Reducing the number of mosquitoes around homes and neighborhoods requires homeowners assistance in finding and eliminating breeding sites - standing water. Adults of some mosquito species remain near their breeding site. Others can travel long distances, even up to several miles. Because of this, problem mosquitoes may come from breeding sites some distance away.

Regardless of recent weather patterns - wet, dry, warm, or cool - there are plenty of potential places in which mosquitoes can develop. A neglected bird bath, swimming pool, or clogged rain gutter can produce hundreds of new mosquitoes in a just a few days. Trees uprooted by storms leave soil depressions that collect seepage and rainwater. Large areas of standing water, sluggishly

moving streams or ditches may require extra effort.

While some mosquitoes are daytime biters, most are more active in the evening. Staying indoors at dusk and during evening hours will lessen the chance of being bitten. Long-sleeved shirts and pants will provide protection when outdoors but bites can still occur through thin clothing and to exposed skin.

Typically applied mosquito repellents will help to prevent bites when spending time outdoors. The most effective mosquito repellents contain the active ingredient diethyl toluamide (DEET). The higher the percentage of DEET in the product, the longer the protection lasts. Low percentage formulations are available for use with young children.

