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National Mosquito Control Awareness Week 2026 (Observed June 21 – 27, 2026)
*Simple actions today can help prevent mosquito bites & reduce mosquito breeding during
Guam's rainy season*

Hagåtña, Guam – The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), Division of Environmental Health (DEH), is encouraging residents to take a few minutes to inspect their yards and outdoor spaces as Guam enters the rainy season. Small actions taken today can help prevent mosquito bites and reduce mosquito breeding throughout the community.

Why It Matters

Observed annually by the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA), National Mosquito Control Awareness Week highlights the importance of mosquito prevention and control. During this observance, residents are encouraged to take simple steps that help reduce mosquito populations and protect against mosquito bites.

Mosquito Prevention Starts at Home

Mosquitoes need a source of water to complete their life cycle. Water collected in buckets, flowerpots, tires, and other containers can become breeding sites if left unattended. Regularly checking and emptying standing water around homes and properties can help reduce mosquito populations.

Remember the Three Ds

DEH encourages residents to remember the Three Ds of mosquito control and bite prevention:

1. **Drain:** Empty out water containers at least once per week.
2. **Dress:** Wear long sleeves, long-pants, and light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
3. **Defend:** Properly apply an EPA-registered repellent such as DEET, picaridin, IR 3535 or oil of lemon-eucalyptus.

Free Educational Materials and Giveaways

In recognition of “National Mosquito Control Awareness Week,” DEH will be providing free educational materials and giveaways at our facility at 155 Hesler Place in Hagåtña. Supplies are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Residents are also encouraged to follow DEH on Facebook and Instagram throughout the week for mosquito prevention tips and educational resources.

For further information, please contact the Mosquito Surveillance and Control Program of DEH at 300-9576.

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