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Public Service Announcement

Spring and Summer Insects Information and Safety Tips

As the spring and summer seasons begin, the Department of Health and Human Services would like to provide information and safety tips about bees, mosquitos and ticks.

BEES:



Bees can be aggressive and will attack if they are disturbed. Throw all soda cans, food packages and candy wrappers in the trash. Fix leaking faucets and do frequent inspections on the outside of your home and seal any holes on the walls. Please clear any debris around your home to prevent bees from making it their home. If you are allergic to bee stings, stay away from bees and be sure to carry your Epi-Pen.

MOSQUITOES:



Mosquitoes need water to survive, remove any standing water around your home to prevent mosquitoes from laying their eggs. In addition, empty and scrub, turn over, cover or throw away items that hold water such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots or trash containers. Use a brush to scrub your dogs' watering dishes every two (2) days because mosquitoes will lay their eggs on the inside walls of the dish at the water level. Clear any debris from around your home to prevent breeding grounds for the mosquitoes. Mosquitoes may carry diseases such as Zika, Dengue, Chikungunya and West Nile virus.

TICKS:



Ticks are active year-round but more so during the spring and summer months. Ticks carry the Rocky Mountain Spotted-Fever bacteria and can be deadly. Clear all debris from around your home and do not give the ticks a chance to make it their home. Please make sure that your dog(s) have tick collars on them or that you have treated your dog(s) with other tick prevention products.

If you may have any questions, please call (520) 383-6200.