



## City of McKinney Press Release

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### **McKinney Celebrates National Mosquito Control Awareness Week**

*Information, education promotes mosquito control around the home*

McKINNEY, Texas (June 21, 2010) – This week, June 20-26, has been declared National Mosquito Control Awareness week by the American Mosquito Control Association to educate the public about the significance of mosquitoes in their daily lives.

During this week, brochures will be available at city offices that explain the importance of mosquito control and provide tips for homeowners about eliminating mosquito egg-laying sites around their homes and neighborhoods.

McKinney's mosquito control program consists of surveillance, source reduction, larviciding (eliminating mosquito larvae), adulticiding (spraying for adult mosquitoes) and public education.

"Public education and community involvement are the primary keys to a successful mosquito control program," said Environmental Health Specialist Richard Milam. "The more people who are aware of the appropriate actions to take for mosquito control, the better chance we have to reduce the number of mosquitoes and potential mosquito-borne disease."

As part of the public education and awareness week, the city would like to remind individuals to follow the 3 Ds to defend against mosquitoes.

- **D**ress in long clothing
- **D**rain standing water
- Wear **D**eet or other approved insect repellents.

If you would like additional mosquito control information, please stop by City Hall at 222 N. Tennessee St. or visit the Web site at [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org). Residents may also use the mosquito control hotline at (972) 547-7473 to report any standing water issues or mosquito concerns.

The American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) is an international organization of public health officials dedicated to preserving the public's health and well-being through safe, environmentally sound mosquito control programs.

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### **About McKinney**

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of 126,500. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments, and it was recently ranked as one of the Top 10 Best Places to Move by Forbes Magazine. Visit the city's Web site at [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org).

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