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**Free Mosquito Dunks Available to Moore County Residents April 8-9**

In an effort to control the mosquito population in Moore County, the Moore County Health Department will host a mosquito dunk distribution event at the Moore County Agricultural Center located at 707 Pinehurst Avenue in Carthage on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 7PM both days. The dunks will be provided free of charge on a first come, first serve basis. Residents will be provided with one six count package of dunks per household to use individually on their property. Along with their supply of dunks, residents will receive educational materials regarding personal protective measures against mosquitos, also free of charge.

Mosquito dunks are products designed to attack mosquitos in their developmental stages, more specifically in the larvae stage, and are very effective at killing them in a short amount of time. A mosquito dunk works by being inserted into an area of standing water, where it floats on the surface and slowly releases a special bacterium, which mosquito larvae eat. This bacterium kills mosquito larvae of all known mosquito species but is safe for humans and animals, including birds, frogs, and fish. The dunks then offer long-term protection and kill larvae for up to 30 days.

For additional mosquito control tips and further information on safe mosquito repellent use, visit the Moore County Health Department website at [www.moorecountync.gov/health](http://www.moorecountync.gov/health). For continuous Moore Health Department news and updates, follow the Health Department on Facebook (MOCO Health) and Twitter (@mocohealth).

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