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## Press Release

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### Free Mosquito Dunks Available

The Reno County Health Department, in collaboration with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, has been trapping mosquitoes in order to monitor numbers and ascertain potential threats from mosquito-borne illnesses. Recent rains and flooding have made conditions ideal for increased numbers. Now is the time to begin minimizing and eliminating the mosquito breeding grounds on your property.

While supplies last, there are free larvicide mosquito dunks and directions for proper usage available to all Reno County residents at the Reno County Health Department, 209 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, and at local municipalities. The Health Department is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 6 p.m., and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 6 p.m.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, along with KDHE, recommend removing standing water where mosquitoes can lay their eggs by emptying items that hold water (tires, buckets, planters, tools, pools, birdbaths, flowerpot saucers, trash containers). If the water cannot be emptied, you can use larvicide mosquito dunks in the water.

To prevent mosquito bites, the CDC recommend using Environmental Protection Agency registered insect repellants (<https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents>), wearing long sleeves and pants, using screens on doors and windows that will be open, and if you are camping and sleeping outdoors, consider using a mosquito bed net.

For more information about the free mosquito dunks, please contact the Reno County Health Department at 620-694-2900. Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) to learn more tips for preventing mosquito bites.

#### Municipality Pickup Locations:

Abbyville, 100 N. Abby St.  
Arlington, 111 N. Main St.  
Buhler, 219 N. Main  
Haven, 120 S. Kansas  
Hutchinson, 125 East B  
Langdon, 18 South Front St.  
Nickerson, 15 N. Nickerson

Partridge, 2 West Avenue E  
Plevna, 301 S. Main  
Pretty Prairie, 119 W. Main  
South Hutchinson, 2 S. Main  
Sylvia, 121 S. Main St.  
Turon, 501 E. Price St.

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