

Protect Yourself and Your Family From Mosquitoes Around Your Home

The Estill County Health Department advises homeowners to begin preparing now for summer mosquito season by ridding their environments of potential mosquito breeding areas. Mosquitoes are a common insect in Kentucky, particularly in the warmer months. Besides being a nuisance, some mosquitoes are known to carry diseases. You should take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones from potential exposures by reducing possible breeding locations in and around your home.

"We should be mindful of areas and objects around our homes that can hold water and also support mosquito breeding," said Paula Watson, R.N. Birdbaths, clogged gutters, flower pots and any other container that retains water is likely to become a breeding site if left untreated. We highly recommend that everyone monitor the areas around your home and remove all sources of standing water in order to reduce the areas where mosquitoes can lay their eggs"

The Aedes species of mosquitoes, now in the news due to their association with the Zika virus, are particularly good at using common household containers as breeding locations. These mosquitoes are small in size and dark in color, with white stripes on their legs. Some mosquito species found in Kentucky lay eggs that can survive throughout the winter months and begin hatching as soon as the temperatures begin to warm up. Several of these mosquitoes are aggressive daytime biters, with peak biting times during the early morning and late afternoon. They have short flight ranges, so many of the mosquitoes encountered in your backyard most likely originated there. For those reasons, it is important to reduce or eliminated potential breeding sites in and around your homes.

The Estill County Health Department urges residents to continue their prevention efforts throughout the spring and summer seasons by utilizing the following tips in and around your homes.

- Survey property for areas of standing water, and eliminate mosquito breeding areas by removing water as it accumulates.
- Some species of mosquitoes can breed in containers of water as small as a bottle cap. Destroy or dispose of tin cans, old tires, buckets, unused plastic swimming pools, or other containers that hold water.
- Check your yard weekly for water-filled containers. Throw away or recycle containers that aren't needed.



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- If empty containers must be kept, make sure to store them by covering or otherwise preventing water from accumulating in them.
- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet watering dishes weekly and dump water from overflow dishes under potted plants and flower pots. Ensure that gutters are not holding water and cover rain barrels with tight screening so that mosquitoes cannot enter.
- Fill tree holes with sand or soil.

Energy Assistance Funding Available Through April 30

Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc. is continuing to provide energy assistance through the crisis component of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The program assists households in a heating crisis and will run through April 30 or until the funds are expended.

Individuals and households that have already received assistance this year are eligible to receive additional help if they haven't used their entire assistance amount of \$400.

Applications can be made at the Estill County Outreach Office located 111 Collins Street in Irvine, M-F from 8am-3pm. For questions call 606-723-4492.

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Estill County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from **May 2 through May 16, 2016**. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the **January 1, 2016** assessment on which state, county and school taxes for **2016** will be due about **September 15, 2016**.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours **Mon-Fri 8:00 to 4:00** and **Sat. 8:00 to 12:00**

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

A taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provision of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) He must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- (2) He must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Property Valuation Administrator

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