

Mosquito Control



Mosquitoes require water and moist environments for breeding. Reduce breeding locations around the home by following these tips.

Reduce Standing Water

- Clean rain gutters to allow storm water runoff to flow and prevent standing water.
- Empty and change water in bird baths, potted plant bases, and decorative yard art containers.
- Change outdoor pet water dishes daily.
- Drain sump pumps and remove any tires or containers that may hold water.
- Keep pools and spa equipment maintained to prevent stagnant water and maintain balance and chlorination of water.

Prevent Moist Environments

- Keep lawns from remaining moist by following the 1" of water a week guidelines. Many mosquitoes need moist environments, which can be found on overly saturated soils, to lay and hatch eggs.
- Overly saturated soils increase runoff of water to paved areas and stormwater conveyances, such as drainage ditches, culverts, and storm drains. Areas that remain moist and have surges of flow are ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Fight the Bite! Protect yourself against West Nile virus

Remember the 4 Ds:

- **Drain** standing water in and around your yard (flower pots, tires, closed drains and gutters).
- **Dusk & Dawn** are the times when you should try to stay indoors; this is the time when mosquitoes are most active.
- **Dress** in long sleeves and pants when outdoors; spray thin clothing with repellent.
- **DEET** is the ingredient to look for in repellants; use repellants containing 10-30% DEET. It is important to always follow the manufacturer application guidelines.

Town Larvicide Giveaway Program

The Town will be sponsoring a larvicide giveaway program again for 2017. Residents will receive a packet of 4 mosquito dunks. Larvicide packets are available on a first come first serve basis.

It is important to remember that larvicides are for standing and stagnant bodies of water. It is not necessary to treat a properly functioning pool/spa with larvicide.

Helpful links:

- dentoncounty.com/WNV
- DSHS.state.tx.us
- CDC.gov

On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSFs) and Mosquitoes

Did you know that some OSSFs, also known as septic tanks, could produce hundreds of mosquitoes each day? OSSFs provide an ideal habitat for the southern house mosquito, which might transmit viruses like West Nile. These mosquitoes like dark areas to hide during the day and are attracted to the organic content of the water and the elevated temperature in the tank. Mosquitoes can enter through cracked or unsealed lids and vent pipes.

How do I "mosquito proof" to prevent mosquitoes from entering the tank?

✓ Check for cracks and gaps in septic tank lids.

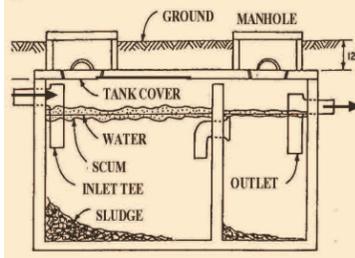
- Repair holes in the concrete lid with concrete patches.
- Replace the lid for a tight fit.
- Cover the lid with plastic and then several inches of dirt. Mark the location so it is easy to find.
- Do not cover a lid or manhole with plywood or boards. It will not provide adequate coverage and is unsafe for small children and pets.

✓ Verify that vent pipes are covered with screen mesh.

- Cover all vent pipes on the house and tank (if aerobic system) with window screen & secure with a hose clamp.
- Mold the window screen into a pyramid shape for vent pipes located under or near trees.



ALL SEPTIC TANKS MUST BE COVERED



✓ Check sprayers on aerobic systems for broken sprinkler heads or areas of standing water.

✓ Make sure the OSSF is maintained.

- All systems should be inspected annually.
- Aerobic systems should have chlorine replaced regularly (do not use pool chlorine).

I have an infestation, how do I get rid of them?

✓ Always follow product labels for application rates and safety precautions.

- **Bti briquettes** - contains a bacteria, Bacillus, which kills the larvae (wigglers).
- **Vegetable oil** - pour in enough to barely coat the water surface to suffocate larvae (wigglers) and pupae (tumbler).
- **S-methoprene** - an insect growth-hormone regulator that prevents larvae (wigglers) from becoming adults. Lasts from 30 - 150 days.
- **Once the tank is mosquito-proofed, adult mosquitoes should not escape and will die.**

Protect yourself and your neighbors by mosquito proofing your on-site sewage facility.



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Preserving the Past, Preparing for the Future

Town News and Events

1941 E. Jeter Road ~ 817-693-5280 ~ www.townofbartonville.com April 2017

From the Mayor

Mark your calendar! Our Annual Spring Clean Up is scheduled for April 8th from 8 a.m. – Noon. This is one of our most popular events and your opportunity to donate unneeded items; recycle electronics and waste petroleum products; shred documents and tree limbs; and get rid of general trash. This service is provided to all Bartonville residents free of charge. Don't miss it! Call Town Hall at 817-693-5280 for further details.

Finding that Town of Bartonville information could be easier to find online? We are working to improve with the launch of our new site in about four months. You will find the website to be more organized and user-friendly with information much more accessible. New features will include online forms, improved accessibility to agendas and notifications, and a new system which will allow staff to easily make changes and keep the site up-to-date. The site will also have mobile capabilities that will allow us to access the information from multiple mobile and desk top devices.

In January, the Argyle Fire District switched from Code Red Notification to Everbridge, Inc. to provide mass notification services for urgent and emergency needs. It will be necessary for residents wishing to receive alerts to sign up under the new provider by visiting www.argylefire.com and clicking on the "Sign Up Today" link under the Everbridge section. This new service will continue to provide timely notifications via: Phone, Text, E-Mail, and TY services. It is also possible to input multiple addresses and devices under a single account to provide warnings that are geographically important.

When I signed up it took less than 5 minutes! If you do not have access to a computer, please stop by Town Hall and our staff will assist you. You may also call the Argyle Fire District Administration office at 940-464-7102 for assistance in registering.

Bill Scherer, Mayor

Historical Marker Dedication

Saturday, April 22nd, 10:00 a.m.

You're Invited!

The Bartonville Historical Marker will be revealed during a Dedication Ceremony at **10:00 a.m.** on April 22nd.

This project began in late 2014 at the request of citizens to pursue a historical marker for the 130 year old Bartonville Store. Due to changes in the Texas Historical Commission's policies regarding "site of" markers, the scope of the project had to be expanded to focus on the entire history of the Bartonville community with the Bartonville store as a component of the story. The subject-marker was approved by the Texas Historical Commission in 2016.

Town Hall Open House

Saturday, April 22nd, 10:00 a.m. - Noon



The public is invited on April 22nd from **10:00 a.m. to noon** to view the improvements made to Bartonville Town Hall as part of the recent remodel project. Town Hall is the public's building and the completed project allows us to better serve you.

The project included completely remodeling the interior by converting the fire bay into a new council meeting space/community room; converting the old council room into offices and a small conference room; reconfiguring the old offices to expand the police department and provide an expanded lobby to better serve the public.

Election Day - Saturday, May 6th

See page 2 for details.

Bartonville General Election

Saturday, May 6, 2017

A general election will be held Saturday, May 6, 2017, for the purposes of electing a three Councilmembers Places 1, 3, and 5, for two-year terms each.

Place 1 held by Jeff Traylor and Place 3 held by Clay Sams are unopposed. Jim Langford (incumbent) and Josh Phillips both have filed for Place 5.

Their applications can be viewed on the town's website www.townofbartonville.com/elections.



CANDIDATE FORUM

Thursday, April 19th
7:00 p.m.
Bartonville Town Hall

EARLY VOTING

Monday, April 24 - Saturday, April 29
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 1 & Tuesday, May 2
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Argyle Town Hall
308 Denton St., Argyle

Bartonville Town Hall
1941 E. Jeter Road, Bartonville

Double Oak Town Hall
320 Waketon Rd., Double Oak

Flower Mound Court/Police Bldg
4150 Kirkpatrick, Flower Mound

Highland Village Municipal Complex
1000 Highland Village Rd., Highland Village

Lewisville Municipal Annex
1197 W. Main Street, Lewisville



For a full list of ALL early voting locations, please visit the town's website www.townofbartonville.com

ELECTION DAY

Saturday, May 6, 2017
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Bartonville Town Hall



TIPS FOR HIRING CONSTRUCTOR

Our town was hit pretty hard with hail recently and many people suffered damage as a result. This is the perfect time for unscrupulous roof contractors to take advantage of you.

Although roof repair and/or replacement does not require a permit from the Town of Bartonville, please be aware that fraudulent, unqualified contractors or "storm chasers," come from all over the country looking for vulnerable consumers. With resources, materials and contractors limited due to these recent storms, homeowners might try and seek a quick and easier road. Here are some things you can do to protect yourself:

- Avoid door-to-door solicitors. All solicitors must obtain a permit through the Bartonville Police Department. If a solicitor comes to your door, ask to see their permit. If they are unable to provide an identification card you should call the Police Department 940-349-1600, extension 9 and report the activity.
- Don't sign any document until you're sure you've chosen the contractor you want.
- Avoid contractors willing to help "save your deductible," which is unlawful.
- Ask for referrals from neighbors and others you trust.
- Make sure the company actually exists by looking them up on a third-party directory, such as a printed telephone or business association directory. The number provided by the contractor may just be for show, and scam artists may even set up websites with false information about their operation.
- Check the reputation of the contractors by looking at service-referral websites such as the Dallas-area Better Business Bureau (free) or Angie's List (free information and contractor listings but a paid subscription is required to view contractor ratings and reviews). Look for a local street address, not a post office box. Check how long the company has been in business and look for memberships in local and national trade associations.
- If a subcontractor identifies as being with a large company, call the contracting company to make sure the sub is being truthful.
- Ask all contractors to confirm they have proof of general liability insurance and workers-compensation coverage. Once you choose a contractor, ask to see proof.
- Ask contractors you're considering for references to other jobs they did 12 to 24 months ago so you can determine whether the work has held up.
- Get three estimates in writing, which gives you an opportunity to check for consistency in the scope of work. Avoid bids that are either much higher or lower than the other two.

You can also visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0242-hiring-contractor> for some helpful information about hiring contractors.



Culvert & Ditch Maintenance

In accordance with the Bartonville Code of Ordinances, property owners are required to keep culverts and ditches free of any obstructions and shall keep any grass mowed to a height not to exceed ten (10) inches.

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