

# Citizen Scientists wanted to



## Fight the Bite



To help better understand the distribution and biology of the mosquito, the mosquito monitoring program, which is conducted in partnership between the City of Denton and the University of North Texas, is expanding in 2004 into residential areas to include both adult and larval mosquitoes. The only way to sample a larval mosquito is to collect it from the stagnant water in which it lives.

We are asking for the help and support of homeowners to collect these samples, which are almost always on private

property. Training is available for residents to become Citizen Scientists. Citizen Scientists are homeowners who have been trained to recognize potential breeding areas for mosquitoes around their property and how to collect samples of mosquito larvae in those areas.

Program representatives collect the samples from residents. Mosquitos in the larval stage of development are incapable of biting humans or transmitting diseases. For more information about or to become a Citizen Scientist for the mosquito monitoring program please call the University of North Texas Institute of Applied Sciences at (940) 565-2694.



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