



Dear Residents,

I want to keep this message short and focussed.

For the coming weeks and months, **let us pull together to overcome the threat of dengue fever.**

Official data shows that more than 50% of the breeding of mosquitoes happens in homes. Some 30% happens in public areas, like clogged drains, puddles, water trapped in open receptacles, bamboo pole holders, and so on.

What does this tell us? It tells us that we cannot just depend on the cleaning and fogging of public spaces to kill off the mosquitoes. **It tells us that we may be unknowingly killing ourselves when mosquitoes are given the chance to breed in our homes.** Or we may be put at risk because something in a neighbour's house may be the source of breeding.

So the only way we can tackle this problem successfully is when we each do our part. Individual families must check our own homes and wipe out the breeding grounds. Town councils and other environment agencies must do their work of destroying the breeding spots in public areas.

Remember: No still water, no mosquitoes. No mosquitoes, no dengue. It is as simple as that.

Take action now to protect yourself and your family.

By the way, did you notice that littering has been getting worse in some places? Did you notice that discarded drink cans and mineral water bottles are becoming increasingly common? Every empty drink can and water bottle left in the open is a trap for rainwater, breeding hundreds of mosquitoes.

For our own safety, we must wipe out littering. And the best way to do this is to punish litter-bugs.

Be a public-spirited citizen. Do not litter. Report litterbugs to the authorities.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heng Chee How". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

HENG CHEE HOW
MAYOR
CENTRAL SINGAPORE DISTRICT