



# INFORMATION - COMMUNIQUÉ

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## *PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT*

### **PART ONE:**

#### **24 HOUR NOTICE**

#### **WEST NILE VIRUS MOSQUITO FOGGING TO BE CONDUCTED SATURDAY EVENING JULY 7, 2007 UNDER PROVINCIAL HEALTH ORDER**

**Winnipeg, MB** – As announced late yesterday, the Province of Manitoba has ordered fogging for West Nile Virus (WNV) control within the City of Winnipeg. This West Nile Virus fogging program, as required by the Province of Manitoba's Health Order, will be conducted on Saturday evening, July 7, 2007 between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m., weather permitting. The issuance of this Public Health Order means that buffer zones will not be in effect throughout the areas being treated during Saturday evening's West Nile Virus fogging program.

Based on direction from the Province of Manitoba, West Nile Virus fogging is to be carried out in the following specific Insect Management Areas (IMA) within Winnipeg:

<b>Insect Management Area</b>	<b>West Nile Virus Fogging Program - Neighbourhoods</b>
<b>New Insect Management Areas to be treated tomorrow night</b>	
7	Griffin, Meadows, Peguis, Radisson, Regent, Victoria West
8	Cantebury Park, Kern Park, Kildare Redonda, Transcona North
9	Dugald, Melrose, Mission Gardens, Transcona South, Transcona Yards, St. Boniface Industrial Park
15	Niakwa Place, Southdale, Southland Park, Symington Yards, The Mint
16	Island Lakes, Royalwood, South St. Boniface

17	Dakota Crossing, Meadowood
37	Airport
39	Brooklands, Sargent Park, St. James Industrial
43	North Inkster Industrial, Oakpoint Highway, Omand's Creek Industrial, Tyndall Park
44	Burrows - Keewatin, Inkster Industrial Park, Mynarski, Pacific Industrial, Shaughnessy Park, Weston, Weston Shops

This West Nile Virus fogging program will be carried out Saturday evening, July 7, 2007. Nuisance Mosquito fogging will not occur on Saturday evening.

Following Saturday evening's West Nile Virus fogging, the Province of Manitoba will continue to monitor their WNV surveillance information on an ongoing basis and will add additional areas within Winnipeg, if, and when, they determine that the risk to human health warrants further fogging under the WNV program.

In collaboration with the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg will issue a Public Service Announcement, providing a minimum of eight (8) hours advanced notification, to advise citizens as to when and where West Nile Virus fogging operations will specifically be occurring on that given night. This information is also available by calling the Bugline at 986-3210 or by visiting the website at [Winnipeg.ca/bugline](http://Winnipeg.ca/bugline).

The delivery of the West Nile Virus Program, which includes the monitoring of *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes is a provincial responsibility. Weekly average trap counts of *Culex tarsalis* by regional health authority are available on the Province of Manitoba's West Nile virus website at [Gov.mb.ca/health/wnv](http://Gov.mb.ca/health/wnv).

For more information on West Nile virus, visit [Gov.mb.ca/health/wnv](http://Gov.mb.ca/health/wnv) or call Health Links at (204) 788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.

It is important to note that fogging will not occur if there is significant rainfall, if temperatures are below 13 degrees Celsius or wind speeds are not conducive for fogging.

The insecticide Malathion for ultra low volume (ULV) applications will be used. This insecticide has been approved for use in Canada by Health Canada (PMRA – Pest Management Agency). Malathion will be used in accordance with federally-approved label directions by licensed pesticide applicators.

Citizens are also reminded to take personal protection measures by:

- Reducing the time you spend outdoors between dusk and dawn. The peak mosquito hours are around dusk and dawn, but *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes will also bite during the night.
- Wearing light-coloured, loose-fitting, long-sleeved tops and long pants when outside, especially between dusk and dawn.

- Applying insect repellent containing DEET, according to Health Canada Guidelines. (DEET is not recommended for children under the age of 6 months).
- Checking that door and window screens fit tightly and are free of holes

For additional information on West Nile virus and personal protection measures, please visit [Gov.mb.ca/health/wnv/intro.html#protect](http://Gov.mb.ca/health/wnv/intro.html#protect).

**PART TWO:**

***CITY OF WINNIPEG NUISANCE MOSQUITO FOGGING PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE TONIGHT, FRIDAY JULY 6, 2007***

The City of Winnipeg was able to complete all the scheduled areas for Adult Nuisance Mosquito fogging for July 6, 2007. Insect Management Areas 43, 44, 48 and 51 were fully completed.

Tonight, July 6, 2007, the Insect Control Branch will continue its Adult Nuisance Mosquito Fogging Program between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m., weather permitting, in the following areas:

<b>Insect Management Area</b>	<b>Adult Nuisance Mosquito Control - Neighbourhoods</b>
<b>New Insect Management Areas to be treated tonight</b>	
11	Glenwood, Norwood East, Norwood West
12	Archwood, Maginot, Niakwa Park, Stock Yards, Windsor Park
13	Alpine Place, Elm Park, Lavalee, St. George, Varennes, Worthington
21	Agassiz, Cloutier Drive, Fort Richmond, Montcalm, University
26	Betsworth, Ridgewood South, River West Park, Roblin Park, Southboine, Westdale
27	Elmhurst, Eric Coy, Marlton, Ridgedale, Varsity View, Vialoux
34	Assiniboine Downs, Buchanan, Kirkfield, Glendale, Westwood
35	Crestview, Heritage Park, Saskatchewan North, Sturgeon Creek

Within these areas, all buffer zones will be respected as required by the Provincial Pesticide Use Permit during a fogging program for adult nuisance mosquitoes. Crews will ensure that the insecticide sprayer is turned off 100 meters on each side of a registered property on the front street, side street, and rear lane. (Please note that although the sprayer has been turned off the sound of the sprayer's engine will continue to be heard.) Residents who wish to have their primary residence excluded from the fogging program can register in writing to the Insect Control Branch at 3 Grey Street, Winnipeg, MB, R2L 1V2, online at

[winnipeg.ca/bugline](http://winnipeg.ca/bugline) or by fax at 986-4868. Visit our website for more information on how to register for buffer zones. Please allow up to 72 hours for processing.

This information is also available on the City of Winnipeg Insect Control website at [winnipeg.ca/bugline](http://winnipeg.ca/bugline) or call the Bugline at 986-3210. A Public Service Announcement will be issued daily, providing a minimum of eight (8) hours advanced notification, to advise citizens as to where nuisance fogging operations will specifically be occurring on that given night, weather permitting.

Information on all fogging activities will be provided by referencing the specific Insect Management Area in which they are being carried out. All Winnipeg neighbourhoods have been grouped into 51 Insect Management Areas.

One way of finding out your Insect Management Area is to go the website at [winnipeg.ca/bugline](http://winnipeg.ca/bugline). Or you can call our Insect Control's Bugline at 986-3210. Residents will now be able to type in their address and click on "Find your insect management area" to find out what Insect Management Area they reside.

Copies of this map, including buffer zone registration forms, are in the back of the 2007 MTS White Pages. They are also available at your local library.

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