



INFORMATION - COMMUNIQUÉ

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ADULT NUISANCE MOSQUITO FOGGING PROGRAM TO COMMENCE Starting Saturday – June 23, 2007 at 9:30 p.m.

WEATHER PERMITTING

Winnipeg, MB

Today, the City of Winnipeg's Insect Control Branch is providing public notice that an Adult Nuisance Mosquito Fogging Program for the entire city will begin effective Saturday, June 23, 2007 at 9:30 p.m. This adult nuisance mosquito fogging program will be carried out in the entire City, respecting buffer zones, and prioritizing for areas with the highest nuisance mosquito populations.

Weather permitting, the adult nuisance mosquito fogging program will begin Saturday evening in the following areas:

<u>Insect Management Area</u>	<u>Neighborhoods</u>
26	Betsworth, Ridgewood South, River West Park, Roblin Park, Southboine, Westdale
27	Elmhurst, Eric Coy, Marilton, Ridgedale, Varsity View, Vialoux
34	Assiniboine Downs, Buchanan, Kirkfield, Glendale, Westwood
35	Crestview, Heritage Park, Saskatchewan North, Sturgeon Creek
36	Birchwood, Booth, Jameswood, Murray Industrial Park, Silver Heights, Woodhaven
37	Airport
38	Bruce Park, Deer Lodge, King Edward
39	Brooklands, Sargent Park, St. James Industrial
42	Central Park, Colony, Daniel McIntyre, Portage - Ellice, Spence, West Alexander

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
45	Burrows Central, Robertson, William Whyte
46	Centennial, China Town, Civic Centre, Dufferin, Dufferin Industrial, Exchange District, Logan C.P.R., Lord Selkirk Park, North Point Douglas, South Point Douglas
47	Inkster - Farady, Luxton, St. John's, St. John's Park
48	Inkster Gardens, Mandalay West, The Maples
49	Garden City, Leila - McPhillips Triangle, Margaret Park, Templeton – Sinclair
50	Jefferson, Kildonan Park, Seven Oaks
51	Amber Trails, Leila North, Riverbend, Rivergrove, Rosser - Old Kildonan, West Kildonan Industrial

In order for a nuisance fogging program to be carried out, there are two requirements that must be met:

- *The city-wide Adulthood Factor Analysis (AFA) rating which is one city-wide rating must be high.*

And

- *The Provincial Pesticide Use Permit requires a minimum city-wide average trap count threshold of 25 female mosquitoes for 3 consecutive nights.*

Both of these conditions were met on June 14 and a 48 hour public notice was issued at that time that a fogging program would commence. Today's city wide average trap count is 141. The northwest quadrant is 217; the northeast is 67; the southeast is 150; and the southwest is 131. As quadrant trap counts are now in the range of, or exceeding 100 the fogging program will begin Saturday evening, June 23, 2007 at 9:30 p.m.

Until further notice, fogging will be carried out on a daily basis between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Daily public service announcements will be issued to the media identifying fogging activities for that evening. These announcements will also be available on the Insect Control Website at winnipeg.ca/bugline.

It is important to note that fogging will not occur when temperatures are below 13 degrees Celsius and/or wind speeds are not conducive for fogging.

Fogging will continue until the Adulthood Factor Analysis (AFA) is no longer rated high.

The Adulticiding Factor Analysis (AFA) is based on a combination of key environmental factors that are used to determine whether or not conditions are conducive to continued mosquito emergence, including trap counts. Information on current AFA factors is available on the Insect Control Branch Website at winnipeg.ca/bugline.

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 Regulatory Agency). Malathion will be used in accordance with federally approved label directions by licensed pesticide applicators.

All buffer zones will be respected. 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. Residents are reminded that, if they wish to have their primary residence excluded from the adult nuisance mosquito fogging program, they can register in writing by contacting the Insect Control Branch at 3 Grey Street, Winnipeg, MB, R2L 1V2; by email insectcontrol@winnipeg.ca; or by fax at 986-4868. Visit our website at winnipeg.ca/bugline for more information on how to register for buffer zones. Up to 72 hours may be required for processing.

Additionally, the Insect Control Branch has an automated telephone and e-mail notification system. Residents who register for this service will receive daily phone or e-mail notification during any, and all, fogging for adult mosquito control. To register for the automated email notification system, citizens can go to winnipeg.ca/wpgmail. To register for the automated telephone notification system, citizens can call the Bugline at 986-3210.

To find out where City crews will be fogging, citizens are encouraged to visit the web site at www.winnipeg.ca/bugline or call the Bugline at 986-3210 daily.

Media inquiries may be directed to the City of Winnipeg Media Inquiry Line at (204) 986-6000 or via email at MediaInquiry@winnipeg.ca