



INFORMATION – COMMUNIQUÉ

**For Immediate Release
Thursday, July 31, 2008**

AFA Moves to High **Adult Nuisance Mosquito Fogging Program Will Occur** **Tonight Due to an Increase in Nuisance Mosquito Activity**

Effective this evening, July 31, 2008, the City of Winnipeg's Adult Nuisance Mosquito fogging program will resume, weather permitting, due to an increase in nuisance mosquito activity.

The city-wide Adulthood Factor Analysis (AFA) rating has now moved from Medium to High, based on an analysis of today's AFA factors which includes the trap counts. The city wide average trap count for July 31, 2008 was 62. Fogging will occur throughout the city, prioritizing first for areas of highest need.

Starting at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2008 treatment will be carried out in Insect Management Areas 7, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 26, 27, 28, 29, 34, 36 and 38 as well as Assiniboine Park. This includes the following neighborhoods:

Insect Management Areas	Neighborhoods
New Insect Management Areas to be treated tonight	
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
12	Archwood, Maginot, Niakwa Park, Stock Yards, Windsor Park
15	Niakwa Place, Southdale, Southland Park, Symington Yards, The Mint
16	Island Lakes, Royalwood, South St. Boniface
26	Betsworth, Ridgewood South, River West Park, Roblin Park, Southboine, Westdale
27	Elmhurst, Eric Coy, Marlton, Ridgedale, Varsity View, Vialoux
28	Assiniboine Park

29	Edgeland, Old Tuxedo, South Tuxedo, Tuxedo,
34	Assiniboine Downs, Buchanan, Kirkfield, Glendale, Westwood
36	Birchwood, Booth, Jameswood, Murray Industrial Park, Silver Heights, Woodhaven
38	Bruce Park, Deer Lodge, King Edward
Parks	Assiniboine Park

Until further notice, fogging will occur on a daily basis between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Fogging will not occur when temperatures are below 13 ° Celsius, if there is significant precipitation, and/or wind speeds are not conducive for fogging.

The insecticide Malathion 95ULV® 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 (ULV) 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 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.

In addition, the Insect Control Branch offers an automated telephone and e-mail notification system. Residents who register for this service will receive daily phone or e-mail notification during any fogging for adult mosquito control. To register for the automated email notification system, citizens can go to Winnipeg.ca/cms/bugline/notification and click the online form. To register for the automated telephone notification system, citizens can call the Bugline at 986-3210.

All Winnipeg neighbourhoods have been grouped into 51 Insect Management Areas. Citizens can find out in what Insect Management Area they reside by going to the Insect Control’s website at Winnipeg.ca/bugline or by calling the Bugline at 986-3210. Residents can type in their address and click on “Find your insect management area” to find out in what Insect Management Area they reside. Copies of this map, including buffer zone registration forms are also available in the back of the 2008 MTS white pages. They are also available at your local library.

Daily public service announcements will be issued to the media at least eight hours in advance of fogging to identify fogging activities for that evening. These announcements will also be available on the Insect Control’s Website at Winnipeg.ca/bugline.

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

The City's extensive larviciding and residual treatment programs will continue throughout the City in conjunction with the fogging program.

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