



INFORMATION - COMMUNIQUÉ

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Fogging Suspended, Adulticiding Factor Analysis Remains High

Winnipeg, MB - Fogging was temporarily suspended a second time July 6, 2010 due to low overall adult mosquito activity. The city wide average adult mosquito trap count has not been over 35 in the past four days and all quadrants are substantially below 100. (Tuesday 22, Wednesday 20, Thursday 23, Friday 35)

The low overnight temperatures over the past few nights will be a contributing factor to the low trap counts. When adult mosquito activity is depressed, fogging is not an effective method of control as the droplets of Malathion must be in the air when the mosquitoes are flying in order to hit and kill the mosquito. Adult mosquito activity is heavily dependent on the ambient temperature, wind speeds and relative humidity.

The City's extensive larviciding and residual treatment programs will continue throughout the City.

AFA REMAINS HIGH

All factors of the Adulticiding Factor Analysis, including trap counts will continue to be monitored on a daily basis as the AFA continues to be HIGH.

Fogging will resume if trap counts return to the range of 100 in one or more quadrants of the city. An eight hour Public Service Announcement will be issued prior to resuming the Adult Nuisance Mosquito Fogging Program. If or when the fogging program is to resume, it will be carried out in the entire city (buffer zones respected), continuing to prioritize the areas with highest nuisance mosquito populations.

BUFFER ZONES

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 completing the online form on the website at Winnipeg.ca/cms/bugline/notification/buffer_zone or by faxing 311 or by contacting the Insect Control Branch at 3 Grey Street, Winnipeg, MB, R2L 1V2. Up to 72 hours may be required for processing.

Interested individuals may acquire more information by contacting 311, or by visiting the City's Insect Control website at Winnipeg.ca/bugline.

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