



**For Immediate Release**  
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## **City Continues Aggressive Larviciding Program**

***Winnipeg, MB – Nuisance Mosquito Control Program***

### ***Larviciding***

After conducting a very successful spring larviciding program, the Insect Control Branch is continuing its very aggressive larviciding program in response to the recent significant rainfall over the past weekend. This has created very challenging conditions for the Insect Control Branch which as a result, the Branch is monitoring the daily changing conditions and is ready to react to a potentially significant adult mosquito emergence in the next 10-14 days.

### ***Adulticiding Factor Analysis***

Today the city-wide Adulticiding Factor Analysis (AFA) rating is Medium. With an AFA of Medium, the Insect Control Branch will begin residual treatments where there are localized emergences of adult mosquito populations on City of Winnipeg property such as parks, right of ways and other city owned properties. Residual permethrin treatments, an environmentally friendly product made from the chrysanthemum flower, will be applied directly to localized areas of long grass, bushes and shrubs where adult mosquitoes rest during the day.

The AFA rating, including information on nuisance mosquito trap counts, as well as other AFA factors, is updated daily and is available at [Winnipeg.ca/bugline](http://Winnipeg.ca/bugline).

### ***Help Fight the Bite***

The City is strongly encouraging property owners to also help “Fight the Bite” as 50 percent of standing water sites are located on private property. Homeowners can take one of the following steps to eliminate standing water on their properties:

- **Dump It!** - containers
- **Drain It!** - eavestroughing or unused containers
- **Cover It!** - rain water collection containers
- **Fill It!** - low-lying areas
- **Treat It!** - biological larvicide

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

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