



## INFORMATION - COMMUNIQUÉ

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### **Update on Mosquito Control Program**

**Winnipeg, MB – Nuisance Mosquito Control Program.** The Insect Control Branch continues the aggressive larviciding program in response to the increasing temperatures and receding flood waters in and around Winnipeg.

The City continues to apply residual treatments using environmentally sensitive permethrin-based products, where localized emergences of adult mosquito populations have occurred on City of Winnipeg property, such as parks and rights of way.

#### ***Adulticiding Factor Analysis (AFA)***

Based on the analysis of the AFA factors, which includes trap counts, the city-wide Adulticiding Factor Analysis (AFA) rating moved from MEDIUM to HIGH on Tuesday July 1, 2011.

This is just one of three factors that, in combination, would trigger the start of an adult nuisance mosquito fogging program.

Today, the city-wide New Jersey Light Trap count is 27.

In order for a nuisance mosquito fogging program to occur, the City of Winnipeg Adult Nuisance Mosquito Control Policy and the provincial Pesticide Use Permit define three conditions that must be met:

- The Adulticiding Factor Analysis (AFA) which is one city-wide rating must be HIGH; and
- A minimum city-wide trap average count threshold of 25 female mosquitoes for 2 consecutive nights; and
- One of more of the quadrants of the city are in the range of 100 female adult mosquitoes.

At this time, all of these conditions have not been met, but if conditions warrant, the City Entomologist will provide 24-hour public notification that a fogging program will occur and announce the Insect Management Areas (IMA) that may be treated the following night starting at 9:30pm.

The AFA rating, including information on nuisance mosquito trap counts, as well as the other AFA factors, is updated daily and is available at the City's Insect Control website at [www.winnipeg.ca/bugline](http://www.winnipeg.ca/bugline).

### ***PLEASE HELP FIGHT THE BITE!***

The City is strongly encouraging property owners to also help "Fight the Bite" as approximately 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

### **General Information**

Property owners not wanting insecticides applied on or adjacent to their principle residence may register as "Anti-Pesticide Registrants" for both cankerworm and/or adult nuisance mosquito control programs. Those who wish to register must provide identification that ties the registrant to the address being registered for a buffer zone. There are four different options to register: in writing to Insect Control Branch at 3 Grey Street, R2L 1V2, by faxing or e-mailing 311 (along with a copy of identification that ties the registrant to the address being registered), or in person at 1539 Waverley Street. Please remember a minimum 72-hour turnaround time is required for processing.

Citizens may register for email notification regarding cankerworm and/or adult nuisance mosquito control programs by visiting the Insect Control [website](#). They can also register for telephone notification by calling 311 and leaving their name, address and phone number. Once registered, residents will receive automated phone or email notification identifying the area(s) of the City in which the Insect Control Crews are intending to work, weather permitting.

Interested individuals may acquire more information by contacting 311, or by visiting the City's Insect Control [website](#).

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