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AFA moves to HIGH City Of Winnipeg Provides Public Notice Of Mosquito Fogging Program For 2007

WINNIPEG, MB - The city-wide Adulticiding Factor Analysis (AFA) rating has now moved from MEDIUM to HIGH, based on an analysis of today's AFA factors. A high AFA means that there are significant populations of adult mosquitoes as well as other conditions that indicate that this trend is expected to continue.

Today, the City of Winnipeg's Insect Control Branch is providing public notice of an Adult Nuisance Mosquito Fogging Program for Winnipeg. This adult nuisance mosquito fogging program will be carried out in the entire City, respecting buffer zones, and prioritizing for areas with highest nuisance mosquito populations.

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

- The city-wide Adulticiding Factor Analysis (AFA) rating which is one city-wide rating must be HIGH.
- The Provincial Pesticide Use Permit requires a minimum city-wide average trap count of 25 female mosquitoes for 3 consecutive nights.

Both of these conditions have now been met.

Adult mosquito numbers will be monitored on a daily basis and once one or more quadrants of the city are in the range of 100 adult nuisance mosquitoes, fogging will commence. At that time, a Public Service Announcement will be issued to advise the specific areas of the city to be fogged providing an additional 24 hours notice in advance of the first night of fogging. Depending on adult mosquito numbers, the earliest that fogging could commence is Saturday, June 16, 2007.

Once fogging is implemented, information on all fogging activities will be provided by referencing the specific Insect Management Area in which they are being carried out. All Winnipeg neighbourhoods have been grouped into 51 Insect Management Areas.

Citizens can find out the Insect Management Area in which they reside by going to the website at winnipeg.ca/bugline. Or you can call our Insect Control's Bugline at 986-3210. Residents can type in their address and click on "Find your insect management area" to find out what Insect Management Area they reside in.

Copies of this map, including buffer zone registration forms, are also in the back of the 2007 MTS White Pages. They are also available at your local library.

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.

Once implemented, 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 at least 8 hours in advance of fogging to identify fogging activities for that evening. These announcements will also be available on the Insect Control Website at Winnipeg.ca/bugline.

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.

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

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, on line or by fax at 986-4868. Visit our Web site 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's automated telephone and e-mail notification system is now in effect. 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/cms/bugline/notification and click the online form. 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 Winnipeg.ca/bugline or call the Bugline at 986-3210 daily.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the City's Media Line at 986-6000 or by email at mediainquiry@winnipeg.ca