

INFORMATION – COMMUNIQUÉ

For Immediate Release Monday, July 7, 2008

Adult Nuisance Mosquito Fogging Program Will Not Occur Tonight Due to Low Overall Adult Mosquito Activity and Forecasted Inclement Weather

The City of Winnipeg's Adult Nuisance Mosquito fogging program will not occur tonight, July 7, 2008 due to low mosquito activity and forecasted inclement weather. The city wide average trap count for today July 7, 2008 is 11. All quadrants are substantially below 100. When adult mosquito activity is depressed due to weather conditions, fogging is not an effective method of control.

The City of Winnipeg's Insect Control Branch was able to complete all the following Insect Management Areas last night: 26, 27, 28, 29, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 43 as well as Assiniboine Park.

All factors of the AFA, including trap counts will continue to be monitored on a daily basis. The AFA remains at high. Fogging will resume when trap counts are in the range of 100 in one or more quadrants of the city. An 8 hour Public Service Announcement will be issued prior to resuming the Adult Nuisance Mosquito Fogging Program. If and when the fogging program is to resume, it will be carried out in the entire city (buffer zones respected), continuing to prioritize first for areas with highest nuisance mosquito populations.

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

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, online at winnipeg.ca/bugline, or by fax at 986-4868. Visit our website for more information on how to register for buffer zones. Please allow up to 72 hours for processing.

(204) 986-6000 or via email at mediainquiry@winnipeg.ca