

INFORMATION - COMMUNIQUÉ

For Immediate Release Saturday, August 6, 2022

Adult nuisance mosquito control program to begin

Winnipeg, MB – In response to a recent increase in adult nuisance mosquitoes, the City of Winnipeg will begin its adult nuisance mosquito control program on Sunday, August 7, 2022. Adult mosquito control will begin at 9:30 p.m., weather permitting, in the following Insect Management Areas:

- IMA 1 (Kilcona Park, River East, Springfield North, Valhalla)
- IMA 2 (Kildonan Drive, Rossmere A)
- IMA 3 (Eaglemere, Grassie, McLeod Industrial, North Transcona Yards, Springfield South, Valley Gardens
- IMA 4 (Munroe West, Rossmere B)
- IMA 5 (Chalmers, Glenelm)
- IMA 6 (East Elmwood, Kildonan Crossing, Munroe East, Talbot Grey, Tyne Tees)
- IMA 7 (Griffin, Meadows, Peguis, Radisson, Regent, Victoria West)
- IMA 8 (Cantebury Park, Kern Park, Kildare Redonda, Transcona North)
- IMA 9 (Dugald, Melrose, Mission Gardens, Transcona South, Transcona Yards, St. Boniface Industrial Park)
- IMA 47 (Inkster Faraday, Luxton, St. John's, St. John's Park)
- IMA 49 (Garden City, Leila McPhillips Triangle, Margaret Park, Templeton Sinclair)
- IMA 50 (Jefferson, Kildonan Park, Seven Oaks)
- IMA 51 (Amber Trails, Leila North, Riverbend, Rivergrove, Rosser Old Kildonan, West Kildonan Industrial)

Based on the Adulticiding Factor Analysis (AFA) factors, which include trap counts, the city-wide rating moved from MEDIUM to HIGH on Saturday, August 6, 2022. Today, the city-wide trap count is 88.

The criteria that must be met to trigger a nuisance mosquito fogging program are set out by the City of Winnipeg Adult Nuisance Mosquito Control Policy and the Provincial Pesticide Use Permit:

- The city-wide Adulticiding Factor Analysis must be HIGH;
- The city-wide average trap count must be a minimum of 25 female mosquitoes for two consecutive nights; and

• One or more of the quadrants of the city must report at least 100 female adult mosquitoes.

These conditions were all satisfied in the last 24 hours.

Adult mosquito control occurs between 9:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. and will not happen when temperatures are below 13 degrees Celsius and/or wind speeds are not conducive. The insecticide DeltaGard® 20EW will be used in accordance with federally approved label directions and will be applied by licensed applicators. This insecticide has been approved for use in Canada by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

Register for notifications

Public Service Announcements (PSAs) will be released daily at least eight hours in advance of adult mosquito control. These PSAs will identify which areas are scheduled for treatment that night, weather permitting. The City offers an automated telephone and email notification system. Residents who register for this service will receive daily phone or email notifications for adult mosquito control activities. Residents can visit the <u>City of Winnipeg –Notification Registration</u> or <u>contact 311</u>.

Buffer zones

Residents can apply for a 90-metre buffer zone in order to exempt their property during an adult nuisance mosquito control program. Those who want to register must provide identification that ties the registrant to the address being registered for a buffer zone. A photograph or scanned copy of a document such as a driver's licence or utility bill will suffice as acceptable identification proving primary residence.

All buffer zones will be respected. Crews will ensure that the sprayer is not treating within a 90-metre radius of a registered property on the front street, side street, and rear lane.

Buffer zone applications must be received through one of the following options:

- <u>311 online service request</u>
- Email to <u>311@winnipeg.ca</u>
- Fax to 311
- In writing to the Insect Control Branch at 3 Grey Street, Winnipeg MB R2L 1V2
- In-person at 1539 Waverley Street.

Do your part

Property owners are also encouraged to eliminate standing water on their properties by taking the following steps:

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

• Treat It! - biological larvicide

More information

For more information, contact 311 or visit the City's Insect Control website.

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