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West Nile numbers prompt Province-mandated fogging program tomorrow

Winnipeg, MB – We will begin a targeted fogging program tomorrow in response to high numbers of *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes in several areas of Winnipeg.

The Province of Manitoba issued a fogging order under The Environment Act. The Act requires municipalities to fog when the risk of West Nile Virus transmission via *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes is high.

Our program will start at 9:30 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, August 9. As per the provincial order, buffer zones are no longer in effect within city limits.

Subject to weather conditions, the program will target the following Insect Management Areas:

- 22 (Bridgwater Lakes)
- 23 (Tuxedo Industrial, Whyte Ridge, Wilkes South)
- 24 (Brockville, Linden Ridge, Lindenwoods, West Fort Garry Industrial)
- 51 (Riverbend, Rosser - Old Kildonan)

Residents can see a daily program schedule [online](#) and [register online](#) for public service announcements. We will release the upcoming schedule at least eight hours in advance.

The program will be carried out using DeltaGard 20EW®.

West Nile Virus Program

The West Nile Virus Program is a provincial responsibility. Weekly average trap counts of *Culex tarsalis* by regional health authority are available on the [Province of Manitoba's West Nile virus website](#).

People can take a number of measures to protect themselves from West Nile Virus:

- Reduce mosquito numbers by getting rid of mosquito habitats around your home

- Reduce the time you spend outdoors between dusk and dawn
 - The peak mosquito hours are around dusk and dawn, but *Culex* mosquitoes will also bite during the night
- Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting long-sleeved tops and pants when outside
- Apply an appropriate insect repellent, according to Health Canada Guidelines and label instructions
- Check that door and window screens fit tightly and are free of holes

For additional information on West Nile virus, please visit the [Province of Manitoba's West Nile virus website](#) or call Health Links - Info Santé (204) 788-8200 in Winnipeg or toll-free 1-888-315-9257.

Register for notification

We provide an automated daily telephone and email notification system for insect control activities. Residents can [register online](#) or by [contacting 311](#).

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