



Sunday, August 18, 2024

Fogging for West Nile Virus mosquitos continues tonight

We will once again be fogging tonight as part of our West Nile Virus Adult Mosquito program. Weather permitting, we will begin at 9:30 p.m. tonight, Sunday, August 18.

This program targets high populations of *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes twice over an approximately one-week period. The Province of Manitoba orders us to operate the program when trap counts include a high number of this mosquito species as they are more likely to transmit West Nile Virus.

As per the [provincial order](#), buffer zones are no longer in effect within city limits.

We 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)

Fogging will be done with DeltaGard 20EW®.

We publish a notice and fogging schedule [online](#) at least eight hours in advance of any fogging operation.

West Nile Virus Program

You can take steps to protect yourself from West Nile virus:

- Reduce mosquito numbers by getting rid of standing water 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

Learn more about the Province's West Nile virus program [online](#) by call Health Links - Info Santé 204-788-8200 in Winnipeg or toll-free 1-888-315-9257.