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MOSQUITO SPRAYING PROGRAM

Clayton County Central Services cranked up the mosquito sprayers and hit the road on Monday, September 10, 2012 and the spraying will continue until early October.

The spray chemical used is the least toxic available. However, residents are advised to be aware of the spraying and not allow them to be sprayed directly. The county's two spray units will spray Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. on clear days. The county cannot spray in rainy weather, but rain-outs will be made-up whenever possible. The spray schedule will continue as noted and missed areas will be worked in as soon as possible.

Charcoal-like briquettes are also being used to treat standing water surfaces (such as drainage basins). These briquettes are added to the standing water to prevent mosquito larvae from emerging into biting mosquitoes.

The county will be sprayed by commission districts area. Districts areas 1 and 3 are sprayed the first week and then Districts areas 2 and 4 the following week. The pattern is repeated every two (2) weeks, and only unincorporated areas of the county will be sprayed.

Residents who do not want their area sprayed must call Clayton County Central Services at 770-477-3587 and give their correct name and street address. The sprayer will be turned off before their location and will resume further down the block.

Mosquito Spraying Schedule

September 10, 2012

2012 MOSQUITO SPRAYING SCHEDULE

WEEK OF

AREA TO SPRAY

September 10, 2012

North & East of I-75.

South of Flint River Rd and West of Tara Rd/US Hwy 41-19.

September 17, 2012

West of I-75 and Jonesboro Rd/US Hwy 54.

South of I-75 and East of Jonesboro Rd/Tara Rd/US Hwy 41-19.

September 24, 2012

North & East of I-75.

South of Flint River Rd and West of Tara Rd/US Hwy 41-19.

October 1, 2012

West of I-75 and Jonesboro Rd/US Hwy 54.

South of Flint River Rd and West of Tara Rd/US Hwy 41-19.

October 8, 2012

North & East of I-75.

South of Flint River Rd and West of Tara Rd/US Hwy 41-19.

October 15, 2012

West of I-75 and Jonesboro Rd/US Hwy 54.

South of Flint River Rd and West of Tara Rd/US Hwy 41-19

Precautions Against Being Bitten by Mosquitoes

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- Avoid outdoor activities when mosquitoes are active.
- If you must be outdoors while mosquitoes are active, consider wearing long pants and a long sleeved shirt. Wear shoes and socks. **Choose light weight, light colored, loosely fitting clothes and fabrics that 'breathe'-also keep up adequate fluid intake**--so as to avoid excessive heat buildup.
- On exposed skin, consider using mosquito repellent. Those that contain DEET are felt to be most effective. If you choose this option: Use sparingly. If repellent is in aerosol form, apply in open spaces to avoid inhalation. For older children use products that contain **10% or less** DEET. For adults use products that contain no more than 30% DEET. **DO NOT use DEET on breast-feeding or pregnant women or on young children without first checking with your health care provider.** Because repellents may irritate the eyes and mouth, do not apply to hands or face of children. Do not allow children to handle mosquito repellent. Do not apply to skin that is scratched or irritated. Wash hands after applying to avoid eye and other mucus membrane contact. Carefully read and follow directions on the container and wash treated skin when mosquito exposure has ended.
- Make sure your home and porch has tight-fitting screens that keep mosquitoes out.
DON'T ALLOW MOSQUITOES TO BREED NEAR YOUR HOME. Most mosquito species don't fly very far and all mosquitoes need water to breed. It doesn't take much water and it doesn't take much time. Almost anything that will hold water for four days can produce these pests. Many places around your home may be causing mosquito problems. Don't give mosquitoes a chance. Eliminate all standing water from your property.
- Make sure roof gutters drain properly.
- Empty water from saucers under potted plants and in planters, and from trash baskets and garbage can lids.
- Clean air conditioner drains frequently.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets so water does not collect.
- Keep grass and weeds mowed, especially on banks next to water to reduce the adult mosquitoes' resting places.
- Drain or fill stagnant water pools, puddles, and drainage ditches around the home.
- Eliminate water-holding tree stumps, and fill holes in trees.

- Properly chlorinate backyard swimming pools. Cover any pool that is not in use so rainwater and leaves do not accumulate in it. Be sure the cover does not hold pockets of water.
- Store wheelbarrows, tubs, buckets, and barrels upside down so that water cannot accumulate in them. Store boats so that water cannot accumulate in them.
- Properly throw away or destroy old tires. Drill drainage holes in tires used as swings.
- Screen or cover rain barrels.
- Change the water in bird baths, small wading pools, and pet dishes at least twice a week. Aerate ornamental ponds or stock them with species of fish that feed on mosquito larvae.

Taken from Georgia Department of Human Resources and CDC Guideline