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*Mosquito Control*

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Dear Community Representative:

Your community's assigned fog night for the 2024 Season is **Sunday**. Fogging cannot commence until your community has been notified. It is your responsibility to notify your community.

You must include a copy of your notice. A screenshot or photo taken with your phone can be emailed. You can also mail a copy of your newsletter. For flyers, a photo showing the stack of flyers to be distributed is preferred. If minutes of community meetings are kept, please send a copy of those minutes indicating mosquito fogging was discussed. If minutes are not routinely kept, that mode of communication is exempt from the requirement to provide a copy. Calls to residents are also exempt from this requirement. Please reach out to us if you have questions or need assistance.

Included, please find the following documents:

- A sheet with the information that is to be shared with the community
- The exemption policy and form
- A letter regarding your community's fog night and our standard operating procedures
- The Community Notification Verification Form

Monitoring the adult mosquito population before treatment is required, and treatment will only be carried out if an MDA employee has determined the need for it. Minimum thresholds which must be met for treatment to occur are as follows (any one of these is sufficient):

- Landing rate count of 3 mosquitoes attempting to bite in 2 minutes, OR
- 12 female mosquitoes collected overnight in an un-baited light trap, OR
- 24 female mosquitoes collected overnight in a baited light trap

**IMPORTANT:** Your community will not be fogged until 10 days after residents have been notified and we have received the Community Notification Verification Form. Please return forms by May 24, to ensure that we do not offer your community's spot in the ULV program to a community on the waiting list.

**STANDARD MOSQUITO CONTROL OPERATING PROCEDURES – 2024**  
**OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR SPRAYING OF ADULTICIDES** (Treatment for adult mosquitoes):

- **Regular Surveillance and Control of Adult Mosquitoes: May 29 – October 1 2024**  
 Sunday-Thursday (A night of the week will be assigned to your community).  
 Anytime between 7:00p.m. - 2:30 a.m.  
 Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be done only if a Maryland Department of Agriculture Employee determines it is necessary.  
 Spraying will not be conducted during rain, in wind speeds exceeding 12 MPH, or temperatures above 89°F.

- **Thresholds for Ground Based ULV Treatments:**

- Landing Counts: 3 mosquitoes in a 2 minute count
- Light Trap Collections: 12 female mosquitoes in an unbaited light trap  
 24 female mosquitoes in a baited light trap
- Conditions that threaten public health, such as mosquito borne disease

<b>Adulticide</b>	<b>Formulation and application rate</b>
<u>Permanone 30-30:</u>	Liquid
Permethrin mixed with Piperonyl Butoxide and Mineral Oil:	0.0031 lbs/acre (Ultra Low Volume application)

**OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR USE OF LARVICIDES** (Treatment for mosquito larvae):

- **County-wide Surveillance and Control of Larval Mosquitoes: April - October**  
 Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM -4:00 PM
- **Larvicides to be used (This list is subject to additions or other revisions):**

<b>Larvicide</b>	<b>Formulations</b>
<u>Bacterial Larvicides:</u>	
VectoBac and Vectomax FG: <i>Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis</i>	Liquid, Granular
Spheratax: <i>Bacillus sphaericus</i>	Granular
<u>Insect growth regulator:</u>	
Altosid (Methoprene)	Liquid, Briquet, or Pellets

The **Mosquito Control Program does not spray for Midges** that swarm on homes, boats, trees and shrubs along many Anne Arundel County creeks and rivers. These non-biting insects develop in mud bottoms of slow moving waterways of low dissolved oxygen and will decline in numbers within a few weeks after they first appear.

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**Monday – Friday, 8.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.**

For more information, insecticide MSDS and labels, please visit our web site at:  
[http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-Pests/Pages/mc\\_product\\_labels\\_material\\_safety\\_data\\_sheets.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-Pests/Pages/mc_product_labels_material_safety_data_sheets.aspx)