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## PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL TO PERFORM TRUCK-MOUNTED GROUND SPRAYING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH

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**PLYMOUTH, MA** – On Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, Plymouth County Mosquito Control will be conducting truck-mounted ground spraying in requested areas of Plymouth from 2am to sunrise.

*The streets to be sprayed are as follows:*

Boutemain Avenue, Carver Road, Crabtree Road, Curtis Drive, Duck Plain Road, Federal Furnace Road, Filmore Street, Forge Drive, Goldfinch Lane, Grabau Drive, Howard Drive, Kingfisher Lane, Long Pond Road, McClellan Drive, Montgomery Drive, Morton Park Road, North Triangle Drive, Sandwich Road, Seneca Lane, Strawberry Hill Road, Surrey Drive, Triphammer Circle, Wyndemere Court

The truck-mounted ground spraying conducted on Thursday morning, August 14<sup>th</sup>, was in direct response to West Nile Virus–positive mosquito samples. Spray locations were determined by Plymouth County Mosquito Control based on where those positive samples were collected.

Beginning Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, and moving forward, ground spraying will be conducted **only at the request of residents** submitted through the Plymouth County Mosquito Control website. Routes will be based solely on these requests unless new mosquito samples test positive for disease, in which case targeted spraying will occur in the affected areas.

The Town will provide updates as new test results become available. For more information or to request or opt out of having your street sprayed, visit [Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project - Spray Routes for Adult Mosquito Control](#).

To protect yourself and loved ones from mosquito bites and the diseases that can be transmitted, it is important to follow tips found on the Massachusetts Department of Health's website listed below:

### **Avoid Mosquito Bites:**

- **Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors.** Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient, such as DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), or oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-menthane-3,8-diol (PMD) or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used

in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

- **Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours.** The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.
- **Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites.** Wearing long sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

### **Mosquito-Proof Your Home:**

- **Drain Standing Water.** Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.
- **Install or Repair Screens.** Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

### **Protect Your Animals**

- Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

For more information, including an updated risk map, please visit the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at [Mosquito-borne Diseases | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mosquito-borne-diseases), which is updated daily, or by calling the MDPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

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