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Mosquito Prevention Spraying to occur Wednesday in Lemoyne

Cumberland County, PA - Cumberland County's Vector Control Office will conduct an ultra-low volume mosquito control spraying on Wednesday, July 26 in parts of Lemoyne Borough. The spraying is to reduce high populations of mosquitos, which can carry the West Nile Virus (WNV). The spraying will begin at dusk, weather permitting, and be administered from one of the County's West Nile Program trucks. The treatment of Biomist 3+15 ULV is safe for use around humans and animals, and will have little impact on other insects.

While the treatment will provide quick, effective control of adult mosquito populations, community members can still do their part to help control mosquitos.

Stagnant water sitting in buckets, clogged rainspouts, toys, boats, unattended swimming pools, etc. can quickly become breeding grounds for mosquitos.

Remember to empty containers every five days to prevent adult mosquitoes from emerging. If you have a water source that cannot be drained, treat with mosquito dunks or bits that contain *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti), which kills larvae. These products are safe for use around humans and pets, and can be found at hardware and other local retailers.

Vector Control will continue to collect and monitor the mosquito population and to actively treat water habitat, using an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan, to limit future generations of mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes transmit WNV by feeding on infected birds and transmit the disease when biting another bird, animal or human. The virus is not spread by person-to-person contact. One in five people infected with WNV develop a mild infection called West Nile Fever; aches, fever, skin rash and swollen lymph nodes are symptoms of this infection. With rest and fluids, most people recover in a few days. Less than one percent of infections develop into the life-threatening West Nile Encephalitis. Symptoms in severe cases include a high fever, headache, neck stiffness, muscle weakness, disorientation, tremors and convulsions. This infection requires immediate medical treatment.

For more information on the West Nile Virus Control Program in Cumberland County and tips on how to protect yourself from WNV, visit www.ccpa.net/vector.

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