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High Mosquito Numbers Lead to More Spraying

Carlisle, Pa. – The Cumberland County Vector Control Office will hold a follow-up mosquito prevention spraying today, Thursday, June 7, beginning at dusk ([see map](#)). The additional spraying is due to the extremely high numbers of mosquitos in parts of Silver Spring Township and Mechanicsburg Borough.

Vector Control will use an ultra-low volume mosquito control treatment of Biomist 3+15 ULV, which is labeled for use around humans and animals, and will have little impact on other insects. The spraying is to reduce high populations of mosquitos, which can carry the West Nile Virus (WNV).

“The number of mosquitos we’re seeing in this area of the County are extremely high,” said John Bitner, chief of the County’s Vector Control office. “The population control processes we have in place will help, but we also need residents in these areas to be proactive in helping control mosquito populations.”

County residents can help control mosquitos by paying attention to and addressing any stagnant water on their property. Stagnant water sitting in buckets, clogged rainspouts, toys, unattended swimming pools, etc. can quickly become breeding grounds for mosquitos. Vector Control recommends draining stagnant water every five days.

Water sources that cannot be drained can be treated with mosquito dunks or bits that contain *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti), which kills mosquito larvae. These products are labeled for use around humans and pets, and can be found at hardware and other local retailers.

Cumberland County Vector Control/Weights and Measures oversees the surveillance and control programs for various nuisance pests, conducting a proactive mosquito control program, and partnering with the State Black Fly and Gypsy Moth programs. Information on ticks and other household pests is also provided to County residents. Additionally, the department completes the testing and inspection of weighing and measuring devices, including fuel pumps, scales and devices used by commercial businesses. Learn more about the Department at www.ccpa.net/vector.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the State, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.