

City Wide Mosquito Spraying Scheduled for This Week

Recent rainfall has triggered hatches of the floodwater mosquito. The City has contracted with Clarke Mosquito Control once again this year to provide as-needed Adulticiding applications which are applied through a sprayer attached to a truck traveling through streets within the City's corporate boundaries. Assuming favorable weather conditions, **Adulticiding applications along City streets will be completed between dusk Wednesday, July 2 and dawn Thursday, July 3.** If weather conditions are not favorable on Wednesday, spraying will take place beginning at dusk on Thursday. Residents that would like to be notified prior to an actual spraying event can call Clarke's Mosquito Hotline at (800) 942-2555. Calls will be made prior to an actual spraying event here in the City.

According to Clarke, individuals can take the following steps to protect themselves against nuisance mosquitoes:

- If outdoors when mosquitoes are active, dress in light-colored, long-sleeved clothing, long pants and socks. Apply mosquito repellent with DEET to clothing and exposed skin in accordance with label directions.
- Discard any outdoor container that might hold water and empty water from wading pools and birdbaths once a week.
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there.
- Since dead birds (crows, blue jays and raptors) can be the first warning that West Nile Virus is present in the area, report dead birds on your property to the McHenry County Health Department (815.334.4510).