

## Adult Nuisance Mosquito Fogging Bulletin #15

For Immediate Release Wednesday, August 26, 2015

# **Adult Nuisance Mosquito Fogging Program resumes in city parks**

**Winnipeg, MB** – The City's Insect Control Branch is resuming its adult nuisance mosquito fogging program today, August 26, 2015.

Today, Wednesday, August 26, 2015, weather permitting, the Insect Control Branch will resume adult nuisance mosquito fogging in Assiniboine Park (within IMA 28), St. Vital Park (within IMA 14), King's Park (within IMA 21) and Kildonan Park (within IMA 50) between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Major parks will be targeted tonight as trap counts have tended to be higher in these areas. Mosquitoes gravitate towards treed areas with higher humidity and places where people congregate. Fogging will not occur outside the park boundaries.

It is expected that fogging will resume in residential neighbourhoods starting Thursday night, weather permitting.

### Larviciding

The Insect Control Branch's extensive larviciding will continue throughout the city as a result of the significant rains received over the weekend in conjunction with the fogging program.

# Daily public service announcements

Public Service Announcements (PSAs) will be released daily at least eight hours in advance of fogging. These PSAs will identify the Insect Management Areas the Insect Control Branch is planning to treat that evening, weather permitting. Until further notice, fogging will be carried out on a daily basis between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Fogging will not occur when temperatures are below 13 degrees Celsius and/or wind speeds are not conducive to fogging.

The insecticide Pro Malathion ULV® will be used. This insecticide has been approved for use in Canada by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency. Pro Malathion ULV® will be used in accordance with federally approved label directions by licensed pesticide applicators.

#### **Buffer zones**

All buffer zones will be respected. Crews will ensure that the sprayer is not treating within 90 metres on each side of a registered property on the front street, side street, and rear lane.

Property owners not wanting insecticides applied on or adjacent to their principal residence may register as "Anti-Pesticide Registrants" (APR) for the adult nuisance mosquito control program. Those who wish to register must provide identification that ties the registrant to the address being registered for a buffer zone. A photocopy or scanned document such as a driver's licence or a utility bill will suffice as acceptable identification proving primary residence. Remember – a 72-hour turnaround time is required.

There are four different options to register:

- In writing to Insect Control Branch at 3 Grey Street, Winnipeg, MB R2L 1V2,
- Emailing 311 at 311@winnipeg.ca
- Faxing 311, and
- In person at 1539 Waverley Street.

Please note that since identification is required, registrations cannot be processed over the phone.

#### Phone and email notification

The Insect Control Branch offers an automated telephone and email notification system. Residents who register for this service will receive daily phone or email notifications during all fogging for adult mosquito control. To register for the automated email or telephone notification systems, citizens can go to <u>City of Winnipeg – Register for Notification</u> or call 311.

#### More information

For more information, please contact 311, open 24 hours every day by phone at 311 or by email at 311@winnipeg.ca, or visit the City's Insect Control website.

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