

## West Nile Virus Adult Mosquito Control Continues Under Provincial Order

On August 4, 2021, the Province of Manitoba issued a ministerial order under The Environment Act for the City of Winnipeg to conduct an adult mosquito control program for West Nile Virus (WNV) control. Tonight, August 14, 2021, the WNV adult mosquito control program will continue at 9:30 p.m., weather permitting, in Insect Management Areas 43 (North Inkster Industrial, Oakpoint Highway, Omand's Creek Industrial, Tyndall Park), 44 (Burrows - Keewatin, Inkster Industrial Park, Mynarski, Pacific Industrial, Shaughnessy Park, Weston, Weston Shops), 48 (Inkster Gardens, Mandalay West, The Maples), 49 (Garden City, Leila - McPhillips Triangle, Margaret Park, Templeton – Sinclair), and 51 (Amber Trails, Leila North, Riverbend, Rivergrove, Rosser - Old Kildonan, West Kildonan Industrial).

The issuance of this ministerial order means that buffer zones will not be in effect throughout the areas being treated during the WNV adult mosquito control program.

In collaboration with the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg will issue a Public Service Announcement, providing a minimum of eight (8) hours advanced notification, to advise citizens as to when and where WNV adult mosquito control will specifically be occurring on that given night. This information is also available by contacting 311 or by visiting the website at <u>City of Winnipeg - West Nile Virus Mosquito Program 2021</u>.

The delivery of the WNV Program, which includes the monitoring of *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes, is a provincial responsibility. Weekly average trap counts of *Culex tarsalis* by regional health authority are available on the Province of Manitoba's West Nile Virus website at <a href="https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/wnv/">www.gov.mb.ca/health/wnv/</a>.

For more information on West Nile virus, visit <a href="www.gov.mb.ca/health/wnv/">www.gov.mb.ca/health/wnv/</a> or call Health Links at (204) 788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.

It is important to note that fogging will not occur if there is significant rainfall, if temperatures are below 13 degrees Celsius or wind speeds are not conducive for adult mosquito control.

The insecticide DeltaGard 20EW will be used. This insecticide has been approved for use in Canada by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency. DeltaGard 20EW will be used in accordance with federally approved label directions by licensed pesticide applicators.

## 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 for all adult mosquito control activities. Residents can register for notification online or by contacting 311.

## More information

For more information, contact 311 or visit the City's **Insect Control website**.