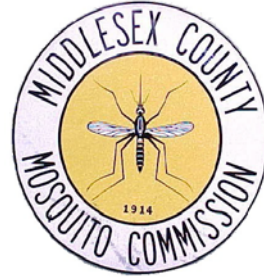


Press Release



MIDDLESEX COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION

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Due to the high number of mosquitoes in (1) Carteret and (2) the Port Reading section of Woodbridge Township, Middlesex County, including the following areas: in Carteret in the Chrome section of the borough from Roosevelt Ave. to the Arthur Kill and from the Carteret/Woodbridge border to Liebig Lane and (2) in the Port Reading section of Woodbridge Township from Port Reading Ave. to the Arthur Kill and from the Woodbridge/Carteret border up to the Hess refinery. A map of the area to be adulticided is available for viewing on the Commission's web page: <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/mosquito/spray.asp>. This adulticide operation will be conducted on September 15, 2009, weather permitting, with a rain date of September 16, 2009. The operations will be conducted between the hours from 7:30 PM to 11:30PM. Please note that the posting of specific times for individual streets is not possible. The product to be applied is Sumithrin. This product breaks down rapidly in the environment. The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has approved this product for use as an adult mosquito spray and considers it to pose no unreasonable health risk when applied according to label directions.

The purpose of the adulticide operation is to reduce the number of nuisance mosquitoes in the area.

Neither the USEPA nor NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires relocating or taking special precautions during spraying with this product. Residents may wish to take the following precautions:

1. Avoid being directly in the line of spray during the application. This product will dissipate within 30 minutes of being applied.
2. Air conditioning units may be set to circulate internal air.
3. Fruits and vegetables from a garden should be washed before eating, the same as if they were purchased from a food store.

People with severe respiratory problems should heed items 1 and 2.

If residents wish further information, they can contact their local health department: Carteret @ 732-541-3890, Woodbridge @ 732-855-0600 or the Mosquito Commission @732-549-0665. The Mosquito Commission operates a message machine 24 hours a day/7 days a week for individuals who cannot call during our working hours, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

Residents are urged to continue to eliminate areas of standing water around their homes:

1. Drain water from pool covers or open pool for use.
2. Change water in birdbaths once a week.
3. Remove tires, and debris that will hold water or cause water to pool and become stagnant. This includes items as small as soda bottle caps.
4. Make sure roof gutters are not clogged.
5. Empty flowerpots and containers holding water.
6. Eliminate standing water on your property.
7. Talk to your neighbors about eliminating water on their property.

In order for mosquitoes to develop in standing water, the water must remain for more than six days. Residents who find stagnant water or catch basins with water should contact the Commission and request that the site be inspected for mosquito larvae. If Commission inspectors find the area to contain mosquito larvae, it will be treated with the appropriate insecticide.

Whenever you use an insecticide or insect repellent, be sure to **READ THE LABEL** and follow the manufacturer's directions for use. If you have health-related questions or concerns about insect repellents or insecticide products used to control mosquitoes in and around the home, contact the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) at 800-858-PEST (800-858-7873) or visit <http://npic.orst.edu> and click on "West Nile Virus Resource Guide". The United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) website at: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/health/mosquitoes/> can also be accessed to acquire information.