

A note from the City

We have been blessed this Spring with great weather and ample rain which is a far different state than one year ago. We will begin spraying for mosquitos and need your help to try and control the population. Our spraying only helps part of the problem. If the mosquitos are able to seek safe haven in your yards away from public access where we are spraying we will not see control. We need you to help with this problem by doing a few simple chores around your property. **1.) Limit Breeding Habitat** - Mosquitoes lay eggs in stagnant or slow moving water, or on moist soil or leaf litter. To ensure this habitat is controlled keep garbage and recycling containers closed so as not to collect standing water, clean gutters and downspouts, keep pools clean and chlorinated, be sure that your yard has no standing puddles, dump anything that holds water twice per week and keep property free of items that can trap water like aluminum cans and tires. **2.) Limit Adult Habitat** – Adult mosquitoes rest during the day, usually on tall weeds or other vegetation. Make your yard less hospitable to mosquitoes by mowing your lawn regularly, and keep weeds away from your homes foundation. **3.) Avoid Exposure to Mosquitoes** – Be sure window and door screens are 16-18 mesh and are free of holes or gaps, replace outdoor lights with yellow “bug” lights (these are less attractive to insects), when outdoors apply a DEET-based insect repellent every 4-6 hours, treat clothing, sunshades and screen houses with a permethrin-based product such as Permanone, treat your yard building foundations and shrubs with an EPA approved product registered as effective against adult and larval mosquitoes, explore other repellent products such as citronella candles and mosquito coils. You can also wear long sleeve clothing if outside especially around dusk or dawn.