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Village of Bolingbrook to Begin Adult Mosquito Control Efforts

Village of Bolingbrook, IL. August 10, 2010 – Local authorities in the Village of Bolingbrook have announced that adult mosquito control applications will take place this August between dusk and dawn, as conditions warrant.

“The Village of Bolingbrook has been working with Clarke, an environmental products and service company, to help reduce the exploding mosquito population this summer,” said Michael J. Drey, P.E., Director Public Works & Engineering. “In addition, West Nile virus has been detected in the area”.

Recent heavy rains along with high temperatures have created the perfect conditions for a mosquito ‘super brood’. “And with more expected rainfall, the number of mosquitoes that are hatching are going to be huge,” said Jack Thennisch, control consultant for Clarke. “This situation requires adulticide applications to break the breeding cycle of the mosquitoes.”

Spraying will commence on Saturday, August 14th. Adulticiding attacks adult mosquitoes with a truck-mounted application of ultra-low volume spray. All insecticides used have been approved specifically for this purpose and are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). However, if people wish to avoid potential exposure to insecticide they should stay indoors and close the windows during spraying hours.

Bolingbrook residents can call the Clarke Mosquito Hotline to report standing water and get advice on reducing the risk for West Nile. The hotline is available at 800-942-2555.

In addition to community control initiatives, residents can take these additional steps to reduce mosquito populations around their homes this summer, including:

- Remove or empty water in old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or other places where mosquitoes might breed.
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use. If unused, drain swimming pools and keep dry.
- Change water weekly in bird baths, plant saucers and trays.
- Water bowls used by pets should be emptied and refilled daily.
- Fill holes around home that may retain water.
- Keep gutters around home in good repair to avoid water build-up.
- Keep weeds and grass cut short, as adult mosquitoes look for shady places to rest during hot daylight hours.
- Be sure screens in homes are intact and tight-fitting to prevent entry of insects.
- Use insect repellent and wear long-sleeved shirts and pants when going outdoors.



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