



TUSCOLA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement will tentatively begin nighttime adulticiding to kill flying adult mosquitoes, starting approximately the week of Monday, May 6, 2024. This treatment will begin at approximately sunset, Monday-Friday. Effective treatment depends on good weather.
- Those Citizens who have asked **NOT** to be treated may hear our trucks, but the spray will be off as we pass.
- If you are part of our Long Driveway program please make sure your stake is out for drivers to see.
- Adulticiding is only a one part of the program to control mosquitoes. During the day, crews continue to treat various types of standing water to kill the developing larvae. Property owners are reminded that they can help reduce pesky mosquitoes by eliminating standing water whenever possible and, clearing debris from ditches. At home, residents should make sure door and window screens fit tightly.

Residents with questions or concerns about treatment are encouraged to call the office.

Monday – Friday: 8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m., at: 989-672-3748.

For your protection and a healthier environment, mosquitoes may be treated with one or more of the abatement materials listed below. This treatment will help to reduce the occurrence of nuisance and/or disease carrying mosquitoes.

Common Name and Active Ingredient: VectoBac® (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*.); VectoLex® FG & WDG (*Bacillus sphaericus*); VectoBac® 12 AS(*Bacillus thuringiensis, subsp. Israelensis*); Mosquito Dunks® (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis solids*) Mosquito Larvicide GB-1111® (*Aliphatic Petroleum Hydrocarbons*); BVA 2 Mosquito Larvicide Oil® (Highly refined petroleum distillate); Evoluer 4-4 (*Permethrin & Piperonyl Butoxide Technical*); Kontrol 4-4 (*Permethrin & piperonyl butoxide*); Natular G or XRG (*Spinosad*); Spheratax SPH (50 G) (*Bacillus sphaericus*); or Mavrik® Perimeter (*Tan-Fluvalinate*).

Method of Application: spreaders, pressure pump sprayers, hand-treatment, ditch truck units, Ultra Low Volume hand-held & truck-mounted generators, and thermal foggers.

Habitats: Artificial containers, abandoned pools, cross country drains, flooded fields, flood plains, flooded woodlots, ponds, pickle vats, roadside ditches, sewage lagoons, tires and tree holes. **Outdoor public recreation areas such as campgrounds, rest areas, parks, playgrounds, picnic areas, athletic fields, golf courses and schools may also be treated.**

***If you are planning a special event, and would like to have your yard treated, we request you give a two week notice, and we will make every effort to schedule accordingly. All treatment is weather dependent.**

Further Information: Tuscola County residents who need additional information or information on declining treatment may call the Mosquito Abatement Office, 1500 Press Drive, Caro, MI 48723 (989) 672-3748.