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Charleston County Mosquito Spraying Schedule Now Online

Schedule Changes Daily With a Map Linked to Each Spray Description

Each year, Charleston County Mosquito Control treats over 50,000 acres by aircraft and 500,000 acres through ground spraying. And now, you can stay better informed as to when and where they are spraying, with the click of a mouse.

“Using ground spray trucks, we are able to get through neighborhoods quickly to service a large number of people“, said Donna Odom, Charleston County Mosquito Control Superintendent. “It’s another tool to address the high mosquito population areas and respond to service requests“.

The link to get the schedule and maps is:

<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/PublicWorks/MosquitoProgram.htm>

Spraying helps control the mosquito population, but the public plays an integral part. You can help by flushing water out of birdbaths and pet dishes with a garden hose. Keep anything that has potential to hold water, such as toys, buckets, cans and bottles, turned over and emptied.

Working together, Charleston County Mosquito Control and the citizens of Charleston County can reduce the mosquito population so that residents can continue to enjoy outside activities and minimize the occurrence of mosquito-carried disease.

SIDEBAR

MOSQUITO FACTS:

- A mosquito’s life revolves around water; a female mosquito lays her eggs in water or in areas expected to flood.
- Once they hatch, a larvae mosquito must remain in water until it emerges as an adult approximately one to two weeks later.
- Mosquitoes can become infected with the West Nile Virus when they feed on infected birds.
- Mosquitoes can transmit heartworm disease from an infected dog or cat to a healthy dog or cat.

WAYS THE PUBLIC CAN HELP REDUCE MOSQUITOES:

- Every three days, flush birdbaths, potted plant saucers and other containers that hold water
- Keep yard clean and cut
- Remove items from yard that hold water and are not needed outside
- Keep lawn and gardening equipment indoors
- Fix leaky faucets
- Keep gutters clean
- Fill in tree holes with sand or concrete
- Change pet water dishes regularly
- Chlorinate pools and clean the pool and filters
- Add fish to ponds

TO REQUEST SERVICE OR INFORMATION

- To request service or to get information on Charleston County Mosquito Control activities, call (843) 202-7880.
- For information on educational programs and presentations available from Charleston County Mosquito Control, call (843) 202-7886.
- Visit the American Mosquito Control Association's Web site at www.mosquito.org for information on various mosquito-related subjects such as home mosquito control methods, repellents and mosquito biology.

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