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PRESS RELEASE

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MOSQUITO PROTECTION

We are entering into the highest risk part of the season. Residents have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes. Risk from mosquito-borne disease may be present even after spraying, and may be present until we have several widespread, killing frosts.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

- **Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors**
- **Be Aware the hours between dusk and dawn are Peak Mosquito Hours**
- **Clothing Can Help Reduce Bites - wear long sleeved shirts & long pants**

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

- **Drain Standing Water**
- **Install or Repair Screens**

Protect Your Animals

For more details and information please see the Natick Health Department Web Page:

<http://www.natickma.gov/244/Mosquito-Information>

or the MA Department of Public Health Web Page:

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/mosquito-borne-disease-information-for-the-general-public>

MOSQUITO INVESTIGATION

Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project personnel will be in Natick to investigate residents' concerns about mosquitoes in their area on the following dates **in September and October:**

September 3, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 and October 2 and 3

All dates after Labor Day are tentative and all dates are subject to change due to weather conditions, mosquito populations, mosquito virus activity and/or special event spraying. This program will shut down when cool night time temperatures become predominant in the area.

A detailed notice about our spray schedule is posted on the CMMCP phone system after 3:30 p.m. each day, and it is also listed on our website: <http://cmmcp.org> Click the "2019 Spray Schedule" button on the right.

Requests for service may be recorded by calling the CMMCP office at 508-393-3055 between 7:00 am – 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or by logging on to <http://www.cmmcp.org> Results of these requests may initiate an application of mosquito insecticides to defined site-specific areas. Such an application may be accomplished by using truck-mounted equipment depending on the extent of the application.

PESTICIDE EXCLUSION REQUEST INFORMATION

Per 333 CMR 13.03 (1) (a): "Wide Area Applications of pesticides and mosquito control applications of pesticides approved by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board shall not be made to private property which has been designated for exclusion from such application by a person living on or legally in control of said property." **For more information please check: <http://www.cmmcp.org> and click the "No Spray Info" button on the right**