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Larvicide is being used to stop mosquitoes

June 4, 2014 - Hampton's Environmental Services Division has begun using larvicide in the Wythe, Buckroe and Phoebus areas of the city as the battle against mosquitoes moves into the summer months.

While the focus now is on standing water and curbside drains, the Mosquito Control Team will soon begin using trucks to spray for the insects in the northeast and north central areas of the city - along Harris Creek, Foxbridge, and Beach Road.

After that, the team plans to focus on the northwest area of Hampton to suppress woodland mosquitoes, and then move on to other areas of the city as needed.

Because Asian Tiger Mosquitoes are unaffected by nighttime truck spraying and lay their eggs in standing water, flower pots, old tires, birdbaths, pet bowls and toys that might hold water are just a few of the items around the house that need to be regularly checked and emptied.

If there is a container around your house that can't be dumped, the Mosquito Control Team suggests using an environmentally safe bacterial larvicide - available in most hardware stores - to kill the insect larvae.

Any outdoor activities with mosquitoes around should include the use of repellents such as DEET, with light-colored clothing. And you might want to minimize time spent outdoors during peak mosquito activity, which is generally around dusk and dawn.

Residents are encouraged to contact the city's Customer Call Center at 3-1-1 or 757-727-8311 if they need more information or help. The city's Mosquito Control Team regularly monitors the mosquito population and can check areas of specific complaints.

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