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Introduction

Integrated Mosquito Management Program

It's Mosquito Season!

Franklin Township has contracted with Franklin County Public Health for mosquito control in 2011. Franklin County Public Health uses an Integrated Pest Management approach with a public health focus to reduce and control disease carrying.

Many tools and techniques are used throughout the mosquito season to help control the mosquito population. These include:

- 1) Larviciding areas of stagnant water and storm water catch basins to prevent mosquitoes from hatching in these prime breeding sites.
- 2) Surveillance of adult mosquito populations by the use of traps.
- 3) Testing of adult mosquitoes for the presence of disease.
- 4) Adulticiding (spraying) using Ultra Low Volume (ULV) truck mounted equipment to treat residential areas to reduce adult mosquito populations.
- 5) A variety of educational materials and awareness approaches.

In addition, historical data about mosquito breeding locations, areas that traditionally have high adult mosquito populations, and the frequency and distribution of mosquito-borne diseases throughout Franklin County also allow us to concentrate and focus our efforts. We also rely on residents to report areas that they suspect may be mosquito breeding areas and/or when there is an increase in adult mosquito activity.

Mosquito control in Franklin County goes back at least 35 years, but in 2007 Franklin County Public Health began a very successful partnership with Vector Disease Control International (VDCI). This company specializes solely in providing mosquito control services. Under the direction, guidance and oversight of Franklin County Public Health, VDCI staff carries out the day-to-day operations of the Franklin County Integrated Mosquito Management Plan. They provide an exceptional level of service and expertise. This unique partnership between a public health agency and private industry has allowed mosquito control in Franklin County to excel and become a model program within the state of Ohio.

Detailed information about the mosquito program and a form to request service or report an area of concern is available on the web site. Visit www.myfcph.org or call Franklin County Public Health's Mosquito Bite Line at (614)525-BITE (2483).

Franklin County Public Health is providing this information for educational use throughout the 2011 Mosquito Season. Please feel free to use this information throughout your community in newsletters, or on your website.

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