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First Mosquito Spraying of Season is June 4th

Carlisle, Pa. – The Cumberland County Vector Control Office will conduct their first mosquito prevention spraying on Monday, June 4, beginning at dusk. The ultra-low volume mosquito control spraying will be in parts of Silver Spring Township and Mechanicsburg Borough ([see map](#)).

The spraying is to reduce high populations of mosquitos, which can carry the West Nile Virus (WNV). The spraying will begin at dusk, weather permitting, and be administered from one of the County's West Nile Program trucks. The treatment of Biomist 3+15 ULV is labeled for use around humans and animals, and will have little impact on other insects.

An Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan is used to help guide control methods at all mosquito stages. However, Vector Control reminds County residents that controlling mosquito populations can be as easy as tipping over a bucket. Stagnant water sitting in buckets, clogged rainspouts, toys, unattended swimming pools, etc. can quickly become breeding grounds for mosquitos.

Vector Control recommends treating water sources that cannot be drained with mosquito dunks or bits that contain *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti), which kills larvae. These products are labeled for use around humans and pets, and can be found at hardware and other local retailers.

Cumberland County Vector Control/Weights and Measures oversees the surveillance and control programs for various nuisance pests, conducting a proactive mosquito control program, and partnering with the State Black Fly and Gypsy Moth programs. Information on ticks and other household pests is also provided to County residents. Additionally, the department completes the testing and inspection of weighing and measuring devices, including fuel pumps, scales and devices used by commercial businesses. Learn more about the Department at www.ccpa.net/vector.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the State, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.