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Mechanicsburg & Mt. Holly Boroughs, Silver Spring & South Middleton Townships to See Mosquito Spraying Beginning Thursday at Dusk

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Vector Control Office will conduct a mosquito control operation tonight, Thursday, Sept. 9, dusk until 11 p.m., to reduce the high population of mosquitos, which can carry the West Nile Virus (WNV). The spraying will take place in parts of Mechanicsburg and Mt. Holly Boroughs, Silver Spring and South Middleton Townships.

Vector control uses an ultra-low volume mosquito control treatment of DeltaGard ULV, which is labeled for use around humans and animals, and will have little impact on other insects. County residents may view a map of <u>spraying locations online</u>.

Eliminate stagnate water to control mosquitos by:

- Disposing of cans, buckets, and ceramic pots that hold water
- Removing debris in clogged rainspouts
- Turning over any plastic swimming pools

Vector control recommends draining stagnant water every five days. Water sources that cannot be drained can be treated with mosquito dunks or bits that contain Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti), which kills mosquito larvae. These products are labeled for use around humans, pets, and crops, and can be found at hardware and other local retailers. In addition to self-treatment, Cumberland County residents can report mosquito complaints online.

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