

It's Mosquito Season!



The Village of New Albany has contracted with the Franklin County Board of Health for mosquito control in 2009. The Franklin County Board of Health uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach with a public health focus to reduce and control disease carrying mosquitoes within New Albany.

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

- 1) Larviciding breeding sites to prevent the hatching of mosquitoes in areas of stagnant water and storm water catch basins.
- 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, years of 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 30 years, but since 2007 the Franklin County Board of Health began a very successful partnership with Vector Disease Control, Inc. (VDCI). This company specializes solely in providing mosquito control services. Under the direction, guidance and oversight of the Franklin County Board of 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.

New Albany residents who have questions or need additional information on mosquitoes or mosquito prevention, call the Franklin County Board of Health's Mosquito Bite Line at (614) 462-BITE (2483) or visit the website at www.franklincountyohio.gov/health.

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