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Adult Mosquito Spraying in Selected Areas of Upper Merion Township, Montgomery County

Upper Merion, PA (September 16, 2016) – The Montgomery County Health Department (MCHD), after consulting with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and Upper Merion Township officials, will be adulticiding (spraying) to control the adult mosquito population in selected areas.

The spraying will be done where sampling by the Health Department and PADEP has shown mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus.

The spraying will be conducted, weather permitting, on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from approximately 7:30pm to 11:00pm. The alternate date will be Tuesday, September 27, 2016.

- Pay special attention to discarded tires that may have collected water on your property. They can serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left out of doors. Drainage holes that are located on the container sides collect enough water for mosquitoes to breed in.
- Have clogged roof gutters cleaned on an annual basis, particularly if the leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency to block drains.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use. A wading pool becomes a place for mosquitoes to breed if it is not used on a regular basis.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and do not allow water to stagnate in birdbaths.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Water gardens are fashionable but become major mosquito breeding grounds if they are allowed to stagnate.
- Keep swimming pools clean and chlorinated. A swimming pool that is left untended becomes a source of mosquito breeding. Be aware that mosquitoes may even breed in the water that collects on swimming pool covers.

Additionally, residents within the spray area should consider remaining indoors, closing windows, and turning off ventilation systems that draw-in outside air for the duration of the spray plus 30 minutes after.

For notification of any future spray events, please sign up to receive alerts about your municipality through ReadyMontco at: www.montcopa.org/readymontco.