

# Public Notice



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**To: Devens Residents**

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**RE: 2016 Mosquito Management**

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This is a reminder notice to residents for 2016, that Devens will continue to participate in the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP). Spray operations are conducted in residential areas by *request only*, and only after an investigation has confirmed the existence of mosquitoes has exceeded a pre-determined threshold. The spraying is done after sunset utilizing handheld or truck mounted sprayers.

**Devens Residents wishing to have their properties excluded from pesticide applications for 2016 should notify the Devens Enterprise Commission (your local Board of Health) in writing prior to May 1, 2016.** Residents should also contact the CMMCP office directly at (508) 393-3055 or no [spray@cmmcp.org](mailto:spray@cmmcp.org) .

As a reminder, current research shows that the mosquito species most likely to be potential vectors of West Nile Virus (WNV) develop in containers such as rain gutters, bird baths, or any other containers which hold water for more than five days. The public can play a major role in controlling these vectors by eliminating all standing water in containers on their property.

The larval control program in area catch basins targeted at these WNV vectors will begin in mid to late May and will continue throughout the summer. Additional program information and updates will continue to be posted on the Devens Enterprise Commission website at <http://www.devensec.com/news.html> . Full details on the CMMCP program are available at <http://www.cmmcp.org/pesticide.htm> .

The Devens Enterprise Commission has educational brochures for educating the public on ways to reduce mosquito emergence from their area. Should you have any questions or concerns or would like copies of the brochures, please feel free to contact us at 978.772.8831.

Thank You.