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## DORCHESTER COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

Mosquito Control Program Policies for mosquito adulticide spraying:

1. Customers may choose one of the following spray plan options to be sprayed:
  - A. 1 time per week
  - B. 2 times per week
  - C. Every other week
2. The customer's spray plan option is locked in for the season; however, you may cancel any time. Please note that cancellation will remove you from the program for the remainder of the season.
3. There is a minimum 2-week processing period between signing up for the program and receiving spraying service.
4. Manually operated gates must be left open. Electric gates can remain closed, but the customer must provide the gate code to MDA. MDA staff are not permitted to open manually operated gates. We can designate a specific spray night for people with manual gates.
5. Customers cannot choose which night of the week they wish to be sprayed.
6. The spray season typically starts the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May and ends in mid-October.
7. There is no set schedule. MDA staff will work through the customer spray list and then begin through the list again.
8. The cost for service is \$18.00 per spray. The Dorchester County Commissioners establish the price each year.
9. MDA sprays only to control mosquitoes and only when MDA mosquito nuisance levels are met. MDA does not spray to control biting flies, midges, or other insects. MDA uses an EPA approved mosquito insecticide that is designed to drift 300 feet with the wind to control mosquitoes present at the time of spraying. There is no residual control effect with this product.
10. You must complete, sign and return an MDA Permission to Enter Private Property form in order for your property to receive service. If you want the MDA spray truck to drive around your house, you must have a yard large enough to warrant this option. You must provide a clear path, mowed lawn, trimmed tree limbs, and clearly mark all underground systems. You can choose this option when you call to sign up. MDA will have the sole discretion as to how your property will be sprayed.
11. In the event of any rainfall or tidal flooding, MDA spray trucks will spray from driveways only for at least 48 hours after the event. Thereafter, it is at MDA's discretion to determine when to drive around houses.
12. If you live on waterfront property, we will often change the pathway of spraying to minimize spray drift over the water.

13. All spraying is weather permitting. If we cannot spray your property when we arrive, we will return when weather conditions are conducive to spraying and meet MDA policy.
14. MDA will not spray within 300 feet of any crabbing operation or active beehive.