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## **PRESS RELEASE**



**City of Norman**  
**201 West Gray**  
**Norman, Oklahoma 73069**

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### **Spraying for Mosquitos Continues**

The City of Norman follows a scientifically-based program that was created over 40 years ago by entomologists at the University of Oklahoma. The program currently consists of 13 districts that contain mosquito traps. The City monitors these districts on a regular basis, regardless of high or low mosquito counts. These traps are located in the yards of volunteer residents that have allowed us to monitor the trap in that district. The City retrieves the trapped mosquitos daily. The female mosquitos are separated and counted, as the female mosquitos are the only mosquitos that bite. As per the mosquito program, if the female count exceeds 25 in two consecutive days, the City will initiate spraying in that district.

The City issues a press release announcing which districts will be sprayed, giving residents a 24-hour notice. The City only sprays in the overnight hours (10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.) and can typically spray two districts in one evening. The chemical the City uses is called Aqualuer 20-20, an EPA registered product to specifically control mosquitos and other biting flies. More information about this chemical can be found online at: [http://allprovector.com/labels-msds/Aqualuer\\_20-20\\_Label.pdf](http://allprovector.com/labels-msds/Aqualuer_20-20_Label.pdf).

The following areas of Norman will be sprayed for mosquitos after 10:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 4, 2015.

#### District 1

Northern boundary: Robinson Street

Southern boundary: Main Street

Eastern boundary: Berry Road

Western boundary: Interstate 35

## District 2

Northern boundary: Tecumseh Road

Southern boundary: Main Street

Eastern boundary: Porter Avenue

Western boundary: Berry Road

### BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR! ELIMINATE MOSQUITOES IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD!

The best known solution to controlling mosquitoes of all species is to eliminate their habitat. Water is the primary element that provides mosquitos the habitat in which to breed. Mosquitos are also known to breed in small containers, such as those often found in backyards and can go from egg to biting mosquito in as little as one week! Actions you may take in your neighborhood:

- Clean out your gutters and down spouts to let water run freely.
- Replace water DAILY in wading pools, bird baths and pet watering bowls.
- Keep your lawn cut short and shrubbery trimmed.
- Stock your water garden with fish.
- Remove water from all containers such as: old tires, buckets, wheelbarrows, potted plant drain pans, abandoned swimming pools and water gardens, yard waste and trash receptacles, boat and equipment tarps.
- Fill-in low spots in your yard to prevent standing water.
- If you have a neighbor who is elderly or disabled, ask permission to help eliminate potential mosquito habitat in their yard too.
- See the Internet for many sources of Purple Martin birdhouse information

To get the most from your summer gardening, sports and outdoor leisure time, take steps to eliminate standing water, protect yourself and your children by wearing light colored clothing and use mosquito repellent as directed on the product label.

For further information and/or questions, please contact Jeff Edwards, City of Norman Parks Superintendent, at (405) 366-5472 or [jeff.edwards@normanok.gov](mailto:jeff.edwards@normanok.gov).

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