

SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOES TO BE CONDUCTED IN PEABODY

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Due to the recent identification of mosquito pools positive for West Nile Virus in Lynnfield close to the Peabody border, the Peabody Health Department has announced that the Northeast Mass. Mosquito Control district will conduct a targeted pesticide treatment in Peabody. The truck-mounted spray is expected to occur after 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 but may be adjusted to the following available night(s) due to weather conditions.

The area targeted for spraying will be certain neighborhoods bounded by Winona, Lake, and Lowell streets to the Lynnfield line. The map of the area to be sprayed is available on the City of Peabody website. In addition, the following public parks will be sprayed: Kennedy fields; Corbeil Park; Ross Park; Symphony Park; and the Peabody Independence Greenway bike path.

Residents do not need to take special precautions to prepare for the spray activity but may choose to stay indoors or close windows and shut off air conditioners when the truck is on their street until the truck passes.

Although the risk for West Nile Virus in Peabody is considered low, the Health Department would like to remind residents that it is important to continue to take personal precautions against mosquitoes, such as using insect repellent, wearing long sleeves or other protective clothing, minimizing outdoor activity between dusk and dawn, and eliminating standing water around the home.

More detailed information is available at www.mass.gov/dph/wnv, at the Peabody Health Department at City Hall, and on the City's webpage at www.peabody-ma.gov.