



FAQ 6. How can I find out when and where mosquito control spraying might be done?

If you want to know when a mosquito control spraying might occur in your area, you can subscribe to the spray announcements through the Spray Zone Notification System and the Delaware Notification Service at <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/fw/mosquito/Pages/MC-SZNS.aspx>.

Due to many complicating factors in planning, preparing, and performing our often daily spray operations (such as varying locations or intensities of mosquito problems that often aren't known by our field inspections until the last minute, but which then need rapid response, or our having to contend with fluctuating wind or weather conditions), the most advance notice that we can routinely give might be up to 24 hours lead time, but sometimes it might be as short as only 4 hours notice. You can also directly electronically access the Mosquito Control Section's updated advance spray announcements at your convenience on the Section's website at de.gov/mosquito.

If you don't have a computer or lack access to the Internet, we also have a **toll-free phone line at 1-800-338-8181** that you can call to listen to our **taped spray announcements** that are updated daily.

If you live within an incorporated city or town, by our Spray Policy, we routinely notify designated local officials in advance of almost all of spray operations occurring within city or town limits. In many cases, it will also be these local city or town officials who initially requested our spray services. In turn, municipal officials might then try to provide further advance spray notifications to their constituents, so you might want to check with your local city or town officers.

Finally, with the terrorism events of September 11, 2001 in New York City and Washington, D.C. having caused much heightened concern about many security issues, it's important for the public to know that when they observe our low-flying aircraft or fog trucks spraying mosquitoes that it is a Mosquito Control spray application. In order to help accomplish this awareness for the public and other agencies too, we now routinely also inform the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) about our spraying operations.