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Truck-mounted mosquito spraying starts in June

May 28, 2015 - Just in case you missed them, the mosquitoes are back.

The Environmental Services Division has been busy looking for mosquito breeding areas across Hampton – including curb drain inlets, ditches, flood plains and woodland depressions. The surveillance is used to gauge the area’s mosquito population and the best way to keep the mosquitoes under control.

City workers have been using mosquito larvicide in some breeding areas since March, and truck-mounted ultra-low voltage spraying is scheduled to begin in June. A mosquito spray hotline is available at 757-727-8415, and residents can call 311 (727-8311 from a cell phone) to request that an area be sprayed for adult mosquitoes.

To help eliminate mosquito breeding areas – and control the city’s mosquito population - residents are encouraged to police their yards and homes and dump or remove containers that hold standing water where mosquitoes can breed.

If the city has to use an aerial spraying contractor, public notice will be given at least 48 hours before spraying begins, local news media will be notified, and the information will be included on Hampton’s website at www.hampton.gov, on the city’s Facebook page and the city’s Twitter account.

Go online for more information about Hampton’s Environmental Services team, including Hampton’s mosquito management plan and a list of frequently asked questions about mosquitoes.

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