



PRESS RELEASE

MONMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION

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MCMEC to Spray Cliffwood Beach Section of Aberdeen Township to Control Biting Mosquitoes

The Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission (MCMEC) will be spraying to kill adult mosquitoes in the Cliffwood Beach section of Aberdeen Township to reduce high populations of the Asian tiger mosquito. This species is an aggressive human biting mosquito. **The spraying will take place during the early morning of Thursday, September 2, 2010 between the hours of 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM.** Contact the hotline (732-578-1600) for the most up-to-date information. The Commission has notified municipal officials, health officers and police of these plans.

The Commission will target their spraying for adult mosquitoes in the designated zone using truck-mounted ULV (Ultra Low Volume) machines. The product being applied is a pyrethroid-based pesticide, which goes by the brand name Duet. Duet is registered for residential adult mosquito control by the US Environmental Protection Agency and NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

The USEPA does not require relocating or taking special precautions during mosquito control spraying with Duet; however, the Commission realizes that some people may prefer to avoid or minimize exposure by practicing common sense precautions such as staying indoors, keeping windows shut, and turning window air conditioners and window fans off during spraying.

Despite the minimal risks as a public health pesticide, pyrethroids are potentially toxic to fish. Considering the ultra low application rate, fish populations should not be affected. In fact, the Commission has received no documented reports of any fish kills following any adulticiding applications using pyrethroids. To minimize exposure, property owners can cover fishponds with a tarp or bring the fish indoors.

The MCMEC advises all residents to avoid mosquito bites by wearing protective clothing such as long pants and long-sleeved shirts and use of insect repellent when outdoors during periods of adult mosquito activity.

In addition to personal protection against mosquito bites, the Commission emphasizes that homeowners should ensure that window and door screens are in good repair, and that their property is free of water-holding containers such as cans, buckets, tires, flower pots, tarps, toys and wheelbarrows that create areas where mosquitoes can lay their eggs.

For the latest information regarding spraying schedules in Monmouth County, residents can log onto the Commission's **website** at www.visitmonmouth.com/mosquito. Current schedules and cancellations can also be heard on the Commission **hotline** at (732) 578-1600.