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## 2025 MOSQUITO SPRAYING BEGINS

Utah County Provides Web-Based Maps of Daily Mosquito Spraying

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(Provo, UT) — The Utah County Health Department's Mosquito Abatement District has officially started its annual mosquito control operations. Spraying by truck is now underway and will continue on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights throughout the season as needed.

Surveillance trapping from the past week revealed that several areas in the county have exceeded mosquito population thresholds.

"Spraying decisions are based on surveillance and population levels," said Jason Bird, Mosquito Abatement Director.
"Trap results, monitoring, and service requests help us decide where and when to spray. We may also use aerial spraying if the data shows it's needed."

Residents experiencing mosquito problems can request help from the Mosquito Abatement District. To report concerns, call **801-851-7637** or fill out a service request form online: https://health.utahcounty.gov/mosquito-abatement/service-request/

Jason Bird also stressed personal prevention: "Residents can help by removing standing water from items like old tires, flowerpots, kiddie pools, buckets, and wheelbarrows, which can breed mosquitoes in summer."

The public can track daily spraying locations using a new **web-based map**, which provides up-to-date spraying schedules and routes: <a href="https://bit.ly/UtahCountyMosquitoSpraying">https://bit.ly/UtahCountyMosquitoSpraying</a>

The public can also track trap numbers and larval sampling here: <a href="https://utahcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ebcc27ac8d8a4e78b28ffe087d634869">https://utahcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ebcc27ac8d8a4e78b28ffe087d634869</a>

Mosquito control methods include larval control in stagnant water, Ultra Low Volume (ULV) spraying from trucks, and aerial spraying in emergency situations. ULV sprayers are mounted on trucks deployed throughout the county.

"Spraying is most effective when temperatures are cool and wind speeds are below 5 mph," Bird explained. "Ideal spraying times are between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m., when mosquito activity is at its peak and weather conditions allow for safe and effective treatment."

The insecticides used contain **etofenprox** as the active ingredient and are approved for use in residential neighborhoods, parks, playgrounds, golf courses, and other public spaces when applied properly.

SERVICE REQUEST



TRACK SPRAYING



MOSQUITO CONTROL



TRAP & LARVAL SAMPLE NUMBERS



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