

# The Buzz

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The Buzz is a monthly summary used to disseminate important information about mosquitoes and mosquito control in the City of Portsmouth.

Rain has definitely been a formidable opponent. With the continuous onslaught of rain showers throughout the weeks, mother nature decided to bring the pain, along with the mosquitoes. Hoping to soon see dry weather.



Figure 1 . Pilot for Crabbe Aviation flying low over the landfill to larvicide on July 28th.

## Service Requests

- Service requests have been steadily increasing from all the rain.
- It is important when citizens call, to please provide: your name, address, and phone number, this ensures that we get back to you in a timely matter and can effectively help you when you call.

## Surveillance Activities

- We ended July with about 8 inches of rain and shows no signs of stopping as we continue on into August.
- July averaged about 89 mosquitoes per trap out of 58 trap nights. This was decreased from June due to crews efforts at finding and treating breeding sites effectively.

## Control Activities

- Current efforts are focused on treating ditches, storm drains, and wooded areas throughout the city.
- Truck fogging continues, we determine what areas to spray from trap numbers as long as weather permits. So far this year, over 57,000 acres have been sprayed throughout the City of Portsmouth. On July 28th we had our first aerial spraying targeting larvae on Craney Island and the city's Landfill in a combined effort with the City and the Army Core of Engineers.. The aerial spraying covered about 300 acres. August 12th we did an aerial adulticide on a little over 5,000 acres of city and federal property.
- Residents can call The Mosquito Hotline to find out when areas are going to be sprayed. The Hotline is a recorded message about scheduled spray activities please call 393-8666 and ask for The Mosquito Hotline. After 4 pm call 393-8666 and enter extension 7324.

## Mosquito Tips

- Make sure to inspect your yards regularly for potential mosquito breeding sites. This effort by all in your neighborhood could significantly reduce the presence of annoying Asian tiger mosquitoes.
- Always wear protective clothing and insect repellants when outdoors for extended periods of time.
- Please call City of Portsmouth Mosquito Control with any questions or concerns about mosquitoes.