Mosquitoes annoy us. Mosquitoes also concern us due to the risk of diseases that they can transmit to humans. That is why we fight mosquitoes.

We are the Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District. For more than 60 years we have provided mosquito control services to taxpayers within our boundaries which extend beyond Wheaton to include portions of four neighboring communities and three townships. Our district was created by voter referendum to protect public health and quality of life, with regard to fighting mosquitoes.*

This summer we want you to know that we are at work monitoring and controlling multiple species of mosquitoes; those that annoy us and those that concern us. Please read the information on the back of this card to learn more about what we do and what you can do to help us fight mosquitoes.

Sincerely,

Trustees of the Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District

www.dupageco.org/CountyBoard/Appointive_Bodies/31605/

*Based upon the 2015 tax levy of the District, a single family residence with a fair cash value of $250,000 will pay an average of approximately $12 in property taxes to the District for the year.
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— Mosquito Control Services Provided to Taxpayers of the District —

**Mosquito Surveillance**

Throughout the mosquito season we monitor mosquito population growth and the presence of dangerous infectious diseases.

Our surveillance methods include mosquito traps located across the district. In 2016 we added a specialized trap that attracts the species of mosquito that transmits the Zika virus to humans.

We worked with other government agencies and with researchers from the Univ. of Illinois to create a DuPage Model for predicting West Nile virus infection rate in mosquitoes. Visit: [mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/research/westnile/dupage/dupageModel.jsp](http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/research/westnile/dupage/dupageModel.jsp)

**Larval Control**

We prevent mosquitoes from reaching adulthood by treating common breeding grounds. We inspect areas with standing water that are perennial breeding sites and also those areas that are reported to us.

We apply long-lasting tablets to catch basins where stagnant water can become a mosquito breeding site near homes and public spaces.

The District contracts with Clarke Environmental ([www.clarke.com](http://www.clarke.com)). All products used have been approved and registered with the U.S. EPA for use in mosquito control.

**Adult Mosquito Control**

We apply adult mosquito control during high-threat periods and at public events including municipal concerts, lighted ball fields and the Wheaton Independence Day fireworks and parade.

Nighttime spraying is conducted to target adult annoyance mosquitoes and also during hot, dry periods when mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus are more likely to transmit the virus.

**What You Can Do**

- Ensure that you and your family wear insecticide and protective clothing to reduce annoyance and risk of disease from mosquitoes.
- Empty standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, discarded tires, and birdbaths on a regular basis.
- Contact our Mosquito Control Resource, Clarke Environmental at 800-942-2555 or email [wmad@clarke.com](mailto:wmad@clarke.com) to report increased mosquitoes or standing water in your areas.
- The DuPage County Health Department offers a Personal Protection Index that is updated regularly during the mosquito season. Visit: [www.dupagehealth.org/PPI](http://www.dupagehealth.org/PPI)
- Centers for Disease Control: [www.cdc.gov/westnile/](http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/)