

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY



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Mosquito Control Fogging Operations

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GRIC Environmental Health Services has conducted routine adult mosquito surveillance throughout the community and has identified an increase in mosquito populations which require mosquito fogging.

Fogging can only be conducted with calm winds and no rain. Weather permitting; the fogging truck will be in the following areas between dusk and dawn on: **May 23, 2018**

District 4: Gila River Sand and Gravel (Santan and Maricopa Plant) and Goodyear

District 5: Area around Horseshoe Lagoon, Sacate Lagoon, Bapchule Lagoon and South Casa Blanca.

So far this season, Environmental Health Service **HAS NOT** confirmed the presence of West Nile virus positive mosquitoes within the community. However, to reduce the population of mosquitoes in these areas, Environmental Health Services will be applying pesticide in the form of a fine mist or fog during evening or early morning hours.

The fogger is mounted on the back of a pick-up truck and identified by a yellow warning light on top. The EPA registered pesticide used is called "Biomist" EPA Reg. No.: 8329-35 and has been developed to control mosquitoes in residential areas. The fogger engine is loud and you may hear it as the truck passes by. For the safety of you and the driver, please do not approach the truck. The driver may not see you in time to turn off the fogger or to stop.

Since mosquitoes can complete their life cycle in water in as fast as four days it is important to empty standing water around your home every two to three days. Containers such as dog bowls, buckets, planters and wading pools are perfect mosquito breeding areas.

- Keep grasses cut low, remove old tires that can collect water, flowering pots and planters should have a drain hole, and avoid flood irrigation.
- When outside, wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants.
- On clothing and exposed skin use insect repellent containing DEET. Be sure to follow the instructions on the package.
- Provide window and door screens that are in good repair.

If you have concerns about the fogging, please call Environmental Health Services at 520-562-5100 and we will be glad to respond to your concern.