

MEMO

Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project

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TO: Billerica, Boxborough & Chelmsford Police Dept.
FROM: Timothy Deschamps, Executive Director
RE: 2015 Aerial Larval Control program
DATE: April 16, 2015

NOTICE OF HELICOPTER APPLICATIONS OVER LARGE WETLANDS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Please be advised that the Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP), North Fork Helicopters, in coordination with your Board of Health, will perform the 2015 aerial larval mosquito control program **on or about April 22-25, 2015**. This program will be a continuation of the practices and procedures that have been used in past years. North Fork Helicopters will be conducting larval control applications in low-lying swampy areas where mosquito larvae are present using a granular form of Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*), a naturally occurring soil bacterium that specifically targets mosquito larvae.

Weather, especially high winds and rain, will determine the actual dates of application; as of today this is the tentative schedule:

Billerica & Chelmsford; April 22, 2015 – sunrise to sunset

Boxborough: April 23, 2015 – sunrise to sunset.

Please call me at (508) 393-3055 for more information, and please pass this information along to any residents that call with any questions.

FYI: Bti is virtually non-toxic to humans, plants and animals. This product is impregnated on coarsely ground corncob granules, and is applied at an application rate of 5 lbs/acre. According to information gathered from the EPA website, (<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/health/mosquitoes/larvicides4mosquitoes.htm>) "*The microbial pesticides (such as Bti) have undergone extensive testing prior to registration. They are essentially nontoxic to humans, so there are no concerns for human health effects with Bti or B. sphaericus when they are used according to label directions.*"

cc: Billerica, Boxborough & Chelmsford Board of Health

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