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## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – MOSQUITO CONTROL SECTION

### MOSQUITO CONTROL GUIDELINES & OBJECTION TO ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL

Under State law, the Maryland Department of Agriculture may apply insecticides and take other measures to control or eliminate mosquitoes, which can pose a threat to public health and not merely be a public nuisance. In carrying out this important government function, the Department, pursuant to these guidelines, will attempt to accommodate those individuals who find the control of adult mosquitoes by truck-mounted ultra low volume (ULV) application of insecticides objectionable. Please be advised, however, that the Department may change, delete, suspend, or discontinue any part or parts of these guidelines at any time, without prior notice, as conditions dictate.

1. An individual may request to have his/her owned or leased real property and a surrounding buffer up to 300 feet on all sides of the property excluded from ground based ULV adult mosquito control.
2. **Each individual requesting this exclusion must submit the request in writing to the Maryland Department of Agriculture and provide copies to the appropriate community association or city/town. The request must provide the address of the property to be excluded and must be signed by the owner(s) or lease(s). This request will be acknowledged in writing by the Department.**
3. If the number of individual objectors and the location of excluded properties precludes, as determined by the Department, effective mosquito control adulticide in a community, the service in the community will be suspended, unless the Department determines that mosquito populations pose a threat to public health. Service may be reinstated upon the written request of the community and approval by the Department.
4. A city/town or community association may request the Department to rescind or modify a spray exclusion zone if the local authority believes the exemption unfairly impacts other residents who desire adult mosquito control service. Requests to rescind or modify spray exclusion requests must be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Department has final control over the modification of buffers or spray exclusion based on public health goals.
5. The Department periodically will verify the continued occupancy/ownership by objectors of properties excluded from ULV ground spraying to determine if the objection continues.
6. **IN THE EVENT OF CONDITIONS THAT MAY POSE A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE PRESENCE OF MOSQUITO BORNE DISEASES, THE SUSPENSION OF MOSQUITO ADULTICIDE SERVICE BY THE DEPARTMENT IN AN AREA DUE TO OBJECTORS WILL BE DISCONTINUED, AND THE FULL RANGE OF MOSQUITO CONTROL PROCEDURES AVAILABLE CAN BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE:**

Your request for exemption from adult mosquito control services by the Maryland Department of Agriculture WILL NOT be processed unless ALL of the information requested has been supplied. You have a right to inspect, amend, or correct this information. Under State Government Article, 10-617, Annotated Code of Maryland, this information may be generally available for public inspection. This information is not routinely shared with stated, federal, or local government agencies.

Individuals should direct correspondence regarding this issue to:

Maryland Department of Agriculture  
Mosquito Control Section  
50 Harry S. Truman Pkwy  
Annapolis, MD 21401

## REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES

This application must be completed by the individual residing within a community participating in the Mosquito Control Program who wishes to have his/her property excluded from adult mosquito control pesticide applications by truck-mounted ultra low volume (ULV) sprayers. The attached statement entitled "Objection to Adult Mosquito Control" explains the Maryland Department of Agriculture's policy on individual objectors. Please retain it for your files.

Please complete all information below. Please read the "Public Information Notice" on the attached policy statement. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please print or type:

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. Day \_\_\_\_\_

(Include area code) Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Community Association : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Subdivision in which you reside: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(I have read MDA's Adult Mosquito Control Objection Policy)

Your city/town or community association will receive notice of the scheduled night for surveillance and spraying. It is the responsibility of the city/town or community association to notify the residents of the schedule. Spraying will be conducted only if needed and will be done on the same day (as the above mentioned survey) of each week. Please feel free to contact us if you have further questions at 301-373-4264/65 - St. Mary's County; or 1-888-523-0256 - Charles County; 1-877-425-6485 - Baltimore & Harford Counties; 301-422-5080 - Central & Western Maryland; 410-543-6626 - Eastern Shore; or 410-841-5870 - Anne Arundel County.

Application should be mailed to:  
Program Supervisor  
Mosquito Control Section  
8071 Greenmead Drive  
College Park, MD 20740

City of Hyattsville residents must also mail the application to:  
Department of Public Works  
City of Hyattsville  
4310 Gallatin Street  
Hyattsville, MD 20781

or Fax application to: 301-864-6651