

Auburn Mosquito Control Program Began April 26th

The Town of Auburn began a program to control larval mosquitoes on April 26th. The program is aimed at minimizing the potential of West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) within the community.

A permit for Mosquito Control has been issued to the Town of Auburn by the Division of Pesticide Control in the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food.

Larval mosquitoes are intended to be controlled in areas such as marches, red maple swamps, woodland pools, flooded fields, roadside ditches and flooded storm water basins. Mosquito larvae found in street and parking lot catch basins will also be controlled.

The primary control agent to be used in this process will be a bacterium larvacide called Vectobac (BTI) or Vectolex (Bs). This environmentally-friendly biological control is very specific to mosquito larvae and is used worldwide in mosquito control. The bacterium is naturally occurring and will not replicate in the environment. Spraying to control larvae will continue as needed until November 30, 2010. Control agents will only be applied where larvae are collected.

Town officials may decide to complete emergency spraying to parks, athletic fields, schools and other public areas should a public health emergency dictate.

Persons not wishing their properties treated must contact (in writing) the Town of Auburn, P.O. Box 309, Auburn, NH 03032.

Information on biological control agents, insecticides, areas likely to be treated or any potential hazards is available upon request to Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc., at 603-431-0008 or via e-mail at: swampfixer@myfairpoint.net.

Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc., of Kittery, Maine will be providing mosquito control services for the Town of Auburn in 2010. Voters at the March Town balloting approved funding for this mosquito control effort.