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# NEWS RELEASE

## **MORE MOSQUITO FOGGING PLANNED IN DELAWARE CITY & GENOA TWP.**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**DELAWARE, Oh., August 26, 2011** – Mosquito fogging will continue in the City of Delaware and resume in Genoa Township next week, weather permitting.

The Delaware General Health District plans fogging to kill adult mosquitoes because of the discovery of West Nile virus.

Fogging crews worked three nights this week in the city of Delaware, covering most west, northwest, and southwest neighborhoods. The rest of the city is slated for fogging next week. The fogging follows the detection of West Nile virus last week in mosquitoes trapped in a southwestern city neighborhood.

Fogging also will resume next week in Genoa Township, north of Westerville. The state laboratory notified the Health District this week that mosquitoes trapped recently in Genoa Township tested positive for West Nile virus.

The Health District's Division of Environmental Health anticipates multiple nights of fogging next week in both communities.

Fog is sprayed from marked white Delaware General Health District pickup trucks with yellow beacons. Any resident who does not want fogging done on their property can call the Health District at 740-368-1700 and ask to be placed on the No-Fog List.

Fogging will not proceed if the weather is windy or rainy. Updated fogging plans will be announced on [www.delawarehealth.org](http://www.delawarehealth.org) and the Health District Information line, 740-203-2015.

All residents are urged to protect themselves from mosquito bites. The most effective prevention is to eliminate standing water where mosquitoes can breed. Make sure your property

is free of stagnant water in flower pots, bird baths, tarps, gutters, and other places where it can collect.

Avoid going outdoors early in the evening when mosquitoes are most active. If you go out, wear light-colored long-sleeved clothing and mosquito repellent. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus are recommended for application on bare skin and clothing.

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