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### NEWS FROM THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES

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#### Evening Citywide Mosquito Spray Scheduled for Aug. 13 in St. Charles

**ST. CHARLES, Ill.** (Aug. 12, 2024) – Clarke, the mosquito control vendor for the City of St. Charles, is conducting a citywide spray the evening of Aug. 13, weather permitting.

West Nile-positive mosquitoes were identified in traps in St. Charles and surrounding communities. In the interest of public health, St. Charles is joining its neighbors in conducting mosquito spray.

Clarke uses a synthetic treatment that is safe for humans and pets. But people with a respiratory condition are advised to stay indoors and close the windows during the application. Also, to get a notification of an upcoming spraying, call Clarke at 1.800.942.2555.

To prevent bites, use insect repellent, avoid being outdoors during dawn and dusk hours when mosquitoes are most active, and wear long sleeves.

What you can do to reduce mosquito population in your yard:

1. Discard old tires, tin cans, buckets or any water-holding containers outside.
2. Fill in or drain any low places in the yard.
3. Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater.
4. Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.
5. Empty plastic wading pools at least once each week and store indoors when not in use.
6. Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for—especially when on vacation.
7. Change the water in birdbaths and planters frequently.
8. Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house.

#### ***About the City of St. Charles***

The City of St. Charles, Illinois, is guided by the three driving principles in its Mission: *Service. Tradition. Community.* Together, these principles create a thriving environment for people who live or visit here, and for businesses to prosper. Our City has gained national recognition as a family-friendly town and wide acclaim for its architecture, living up to its nickname *Pride of the Fox*. Conveniently located 35 miles west of Chicago, in Kane and northwestern DuPage counties, St. Charles is home to 33,000 residents and a balanced mix of more than 2,000 businesses that employ approximately 28,700 people. More at [stcharlesil.gov](http://stcharlesil.gov), and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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