

Camden County Mosquito Spraying Program

If you have a mosquito problem in your area and would like to have the county spray for mosquitoes, please call 252-338-6363 ext. 111 or email dcredle@camdencountync.gov or bterranova@camdencountync.gov and leave your name, address and contact information for our records.

During the month of *May*, Camden County Public Works was busy setting up monitor and trap sites throughout the County in order to collect required information as to the number and type of mosquitoes (those trapped mosquitoes are transported for inspection by a certified biologist). Spraying is justified with documented evidence of 100 mammal feeding mosquitoes at a trap site.

Armed with this information, the County will begin spraying operations beginning in *June*.

Please note the following with regard to mosquito spraying:

- Camden only has 1 truck with a mounted spraying device;
- Spraying cannot be performed within 100 feet of any waterway;
- Spraying cannot be performed if the wind speed for the day is forecast to exceed 10 miles per hour;
- Spraying cannot be performed in wet or rainy conditions;
- Spraying can ONLY be performed when temperatures are between 50-95° F;
- We CANNOT spray near bee-hives;
 - Providing Camden with locations of bee-hives within the county will assist Camden in reducing delays in spraying;
- Chemical used is Aqua-Reslin, with the active ingredient Permethrin.

THINGS CAMDEN COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN DO TO HELP:

Be Proactive. Mosquitoes breed in standing water. Reducing the number of mosquitoes can be as simple as emptying water from containers around your house. For example, you can eliminate mosquito breeding grounds by removing unused plastic pools, old tires, buckets, providing a tight screen topping your rain barrel, bi-weekly cleaning of bird baths, and clearing clogged gutters. By eliminating any item that can hold water, including low areas in your yard, and keeping the water changed in bird baths, you can reduce the mosquito population in your area without using insecticides.