



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM CLARKE
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Clarke is a global environmental products and services company. Our mission is to make communities around the world more livable, safe and comfortable by pioneering, developing and delivering environmentally responsible mosquito control and aquatic services to help prevent disease, control nuisances and create healthy waterways.

An Illinois based, family owned and operated company for 65 years, we are the leading provider of mosquito control products and services in the United States. We have worked with the Township since the early 1980s.

McHenry Township's mosquito control program begins with inspection and treatment of potential breeding sites- retention ponds, drainage ditches, wetlands or low areas that tend to hold water- and inspections will continue through early September.

Almost 500 acres will be treated by hand, backpack and helicopter within the Township this summer to reduce nuisance mosquito populations and prevent the spread of West Nile Virus. In addition, street side catch basins are treated by technicians on bicycles in June and July to help reduce mosquito breeding in the underground water system.

The Township decided to continue to fully fund its portion of this long running intergovernmental program to help reduce the nuisance and potential health risks associated with mosquitoes. However, due to budget reductions, not all participating communities will be able to fully fund their portions which will reduce the service level for 2011. The Township in working with long term partner, Clarke, looked at possible funding levels and developed a program based on the best control practices based on over 20 years of historical mosquito breeding data available.

To help with the program, homeowners are also encouraged to report stagnant water (5 days or more) on their property this summer to Clarke's "Mosquito Hotline" at 800-942-2555.

Additionally, residents should take additional steps to protect themselves and their families from mosquito bites by utilizing insect repellents that contain DEET (N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide), Picaridin, (KBR 3023), synthesized Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (PMD) or IR3535 when mosquitoes are active, at least once or twice a week, empty the water from flower pots, kiddie pools, pet dishes, birdbaths and swimming pool covers.