



THE BUZZ

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The Buzz is a monthly newsletter used to disseminate important information about mosquito control in the City of Portsmouth.

Heavy precipitation and warm temperatures over the winter months have helped to create a productive environment for the start of the 2019 mosquito season. City staff have been monitoring mosquito populations early this year and have started weekly treatments of juvenile mosquito breeding sites throughout the city.

It is still too early to predict summer populations as the mosquitoes life cycle is heavily affected by weather patterns (rain, temperatures, etc.).



Picture of water standing in a wooded area. This is a perfect habitat for mosquitoes to find juvenile mosquitoes early in the season.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Note to Beekeepers</u></p> <p>Bees are important pollinators and the City is very aware of the concerns over the use of pesticides. We respectfully request that you inform us of hive locations by calling the Public Works Mosquito Control Division at 757-393-8666. This will allow us to create a no-spray buffer around the hive and will put you on a list to be notified when we are in the area spraying for mosquitoes or if there is an aerial spray scheduled. Thank you!</p>
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Outreach and Education

Civic Leagues: If you are interested in having someone from Mosquito Control Division to present and take questions about the upcoming season, please call us at 757-393-8666.

There is a free mosquito control workshop coming up at Paradise Creek Park on June 8, 2019 for citizens. This workshop will contain information on what you can do around your home, as well as general information about mosquitoes, their life cycle, and many other interesting facts about our pesky pests. Sign up via Paradise Creeks the website below:

<http://paradisecreek.elizabethriver.org/public-programs>