



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.

The official start of summer is just around the corner. With most people looking forward to spending time outdoors, everyone should be sure to take precautions against mosquitoes and mosquito transmitted disease. One easy step is to make sure to dump any standing water in your yard at least once a week. This will break the life cycle of the mosquito and prevent those backyard pests from ruining your summer.

City crews have been very busy this spring treating standing water in ditches, storm drains, ground depressions and the occasional artificial container in an effort to reduce mosquito populations. Truck mounted ULV operations have started this month in areas that have mosquito population levels higher than average.



The Asian Tiger mosquito loves to lay eggs around the home in natural and artificial containers. Popular items found around the home such as buckets, tires, flower pots and unused kiddie pools are essential to the mosquitoes way of life. Tipping over containers at least once a week or tossing items that are unneeded is an easy way to reduce mosquitoes around the home.

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|  | <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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Mosquito Fun Fact

It is fun to make comparisons to mosquitoes and vampires, as it is imperative both survive off of human blood. Unfortunately one of those blood-suckers are actually real, though they may share more than one fictional creature of terror. According to a study done in the mid 1960's, mosquitoes were found to be up to 500% more active during a full moon. So if the thought that mosquitoes were terrifying similar to vampires, think of how terrifying they are half-vampire, half-werewolf.