

# The Buzz

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The Buzz is back. The Buzz is a monthly summary used to disseminate important information about mosquitoes and mosquito control in the City of Portsmouth.

It is that time of year again. Warm temperatures and rain make for mosquito season. The mosquito season is here and in full swing.



Homemade mosquito trap circulating on Facebook. Staff built and tested the trap design this spring.

## Mosquito Myths Debunked

This winter we started getting some questions about a homemade mosquito trap circulating on Facebook. Staff built several traps as described and baited with concoction. Traps were placed out for three weeks. No mosquitoes were collected. **THESE TRAPS DO NOT CATCH AND KILL MOSQUITOES.**

## Surveillance and Control

- Mosquito traps are being set each week across the city. The mosquito traps are an essential tool for measuring mosquito populations. Trap counts have been increasing from all of the recent rain.
- Breeding site inspections and treatments on standing water began in mid March. Inspections and treatments will continue through the late fall.
- Truck fogging has started.
- Residents can call The Mosquito Hotline to find out when areas are going to be sprayed. The Hotline is a recorded message about scheduled spray activities please call 393-8666 and ask for The Mosquito Hotline. After 4 pm call 393-8666 and enter extension 7324.

## Service Requests

- Mosquito service requests have been low but are expected to increase as the season progresses.
- It is important when citizens call, please provide: your name, address, and phone number.

## Federal Activities

- City staff continue to work with the Army Corps of Engineers.
- A contract is in place for aerial spraying this season.
- Staff are monitoring conditions and directing control operations as needed.