



Cowlitz County
Mosquito
Control District

Mission Statement:

We will minimize mosquito borne disease by reducing mosquito populations in Cowlitz County.

Policy Statement:

It is impossible to eliminate all mosquitoes from the county. But, by larviciding those areas where mosquitoes breed, we can greatly reduce mosquito populations, and thereby reduce the chance of mosquito borne disease. Adult mosquito treatments will only be made when public health is threatened by large populations of mosquito species that can carry disease.

Our Priorities:

1. Eliminate or reduce mosquito breeding sites, where possible.
2. Treat those areas mosquitoes do breed early in the season.
3. Adulticide public areas, when needed, and when feasible.

We will:

- Educate the public on how to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in their area.
- Educate the public on how to reduce mosquito bites.
- Work with the community to identify mosquito breeding sites.
- Contact property owners and try to have them clean up or modify their property so that mosquitoes do not have a place to breed.
- Check known breeding sites and treat when larvae are present.
- Adulticide public areas when adults are present in numbers above our threshold. These include public roadways, parks, and other public gathering areas.

We cannot:

- Eliminate all mosquitoes from the county.
- Remove tires and other debris.
- Adulticide private property.