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## July Update

July was hot, dry and very buggy. Thunderstorms brought no substantial rain or relief to most of southeastern NH. However, there was just enough rain to trigger more mosquito activity in standing water.

One particular species of mosquito dominates the sky at sunset during the month of July. This mosquito ruins the pool party driving everyone indoors. They are highly attracted to white light, are aggressive human biters and readily fly into homes.

In July, Dragon crews have:

- Monitored catch basins for larval mosquito activity
- Checked freshwater wetlands for mosquito larvae and treated as needed with Bti
- Emptied man-made containers where mosquito larvae were found
- Educated homeowners about mosquito control and avoiding mosquito bites
- Trapped adult mosquitoes in fixed locations throughout town
- Processed and identified adult mosquitoes to species
- Sent adult mosquito species to the State Lab in Concord for disease testing

In addition to sites that Dragon crews treat, residential yards can be a major source of mosquitoes in neighborhoods and the amount of rain received may be enough to trigger breeding in containers. West Nile Virus (WNV) was detected in mosquitoes trapped in Manchester at the end of July. This species of mosquito breeds in containers including catch basins. Crews check and dump containers that we find nearly every day. This past week, crew emptied a back yard kiddy pool with thousands of mosquito larvae. Please continue to check areas around your homes and dump out standing water. If we all do our part, we can reduce the mosquito numbers and the risk of diseases like WNV.