

Polk County Public Works



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Please be advised that on Friday, May 27, 2016, Polk County Public Works will begin its annual “Mosquito Management Program”. This program will spray for adult mosquitos using an approved adulticide product. The areas treated are located in the more populated areas of unincorporated Polk County. The hours of treatment will be from 7:00pm to 11:30pm.

Polk County utilizes data collected by Iowa State University, Department of Entomology on weekly mosquito counts in the Polk County area. Polk County uses this information to maintain a cost effective adulticide spray program.

Polk County takes a proactive approach in late spring and aerial treats approximately 450 acres with an environmentally friendly product that assists in the elimination of larvae in targeted areas of standing water.

In addition, Polk County has implemented a surveillance program designed to determine mosquito abundance and also test for virus.

The Public can do their part in the battle against mosquitos by eliminating sources of standing water such as disposing of old tires, any type of containers that collect and hold water, maintaining gutters, etc. Pet dish and bird bath water should be changed every 2 days.

If you have any questions concerning this program, please contact Polk County Public Works at 515-286-3705 or by email at publicworks@polkcountyiowa.gov.