

It's Spring! The Beaver County West Nile Virus vector-borne disease control program has started larval surveillance and treatments for the 2023 season. April is the beginning of the season to determine areas of concern and to treat areas to forestall mosquito emergence. In April, approximately 25 sites have been treated with various means of larvicides (such as Fourstar, Altosid, etc.) to help prohibit adult mosquitoes from emerging.

On April 15th, a tire collection event was held at the Beaver County Conservation District with help from funding through the PA DEP West Nile Program. Over 1,400 tires were collected! The Beaver County Mosquito Vector Disease Program extends our thanks to everyone who participated and helped reduce mosquito breeding habitat in Beaver County neighborhoods.

Surveillance for adult mosquitoes will begin in May and continue through October. Even though this spring has had fluctuations in temperatures from freezing to unusually warm temperatures, now is a great time to survey properties for areas that may hold water for longer periods of time and may become mosquito breeding areas. Tarps, buckets, open trash cans, old tires off the rim, and even gutters on homes are potential mosquito breeding areas. Removing, dumping, cleaning these areas now will help stop mosquitoes from breeding as the weather warms.

Any questions related to mosquito concerns or mosquito disease like West Nile Virus, contact us at the office 724-378-1701 ext. 222.