

IS THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DOING MORE HARM OR GOOD BY SPRAYING?

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF GETTING WEST NILE VIRUS (WNV)?

• There have been no human cases of WNV in 2004-2005 and 9 in 2002-2003 in all of Middle Tennessee. Davidson county has had a total of 2 cases in 4 years. Source: <http://westnilemaps.usgs.gov/>.

Dr. Wallace LeSturgeon of Vanderbilt University states, “Studies show the pesticide the Health Department is using contains a known endocrine disruptor and a known mutagen (or cancer causing agent). There is no safe dose of a mutagen. Children are most susceptible.”

Dr. Laurence Zwiebel of Vanderbilt University, a renowned mosquito expert/researcher who works with developing countries to control mosquito-borne illnesses, said, “I, personally, would oppose spraying in Nashville, simply, because I don’t believe the disease warrants that type of risk. . .”

Other cities have successfully controlled mosquitoes & the diseases they carry with less toxic measures. Why can’t our city? Spraying is the least effective form of control. **Former TN State Health Department entomologist, Ms. Gottfried said**, “It should be used only as a last resort or in an emergency.”

WHO IS AT HIGHER RISK FROM SPRAYING?

• Children, unborn children, and people with asthma, allergies (particularly ragweed) & compromised immune systems. Also, the pesticide Anvil 2+2 is **highly toxic to bees, fish and other aquatic life**. It is a neurotoxin. It kills all insects flying around at night (like fireflies, moths) not just mosquitoes. **Cover your fish ponds.**

FACTS: 22 people have been injured since 2003 from spraying.

There are two lawsuits against Metro for serious injuries that were sustained by three citizens on two different occasions.

Do you want to be sprayed? Make an informed decision!!!

ANYONE WHO DOES NOT WANT THEIR PROPERTY SPRAYED must contact the Health Department at **340-5653**, (Mon.-Fri. 8:00-4:30 PM). *Many neighbors have, so it can do some good!*

WHAT PRECAUTIONS SHOULD WE TAKE?

1. Remain inside, close windows and doors for at least 30 minutes! Local scientist have told us 12-24 hours is better. The pesticide they are using is called Anvil 2+2. It has a pungent aromatic odor similar to the smell of mothballs. Sun breaks this pesticide down so it may be best to avoid walking outside, if possible, until the sun has been out a while.

2. Bring in your pets, pet food and water dishes, children’s toys, **and cover ornamental fishponds to avoid direct exposure.** *See our website for more precautions.*

Anyone experiencing adverse reactions should seek medical care or call Poison Control Center at 936-2034. See our website for what to do in a spraying emergency and report the incident to BURNT/No Spray Nashville at nospraynashville@earthlink.net or 327-8515 so it can be documented. It is important to document your problems immediately! We will try to help. (Some symptoms are: respiratory irritation, sore throat, head ache, burning eyes, nausea, cramps and vomiting.)

BUY A NO SPRAY SIGN (\$5.00) at The Wood Thrush Shop 6029 Highway 100 or see other locations on our web site.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS:

Please contact _____

See www.nospraynashville.org or call 327-8515 for more information.