

# DRAGON MOSQUITO CONTROL INC.

## JUNE 2020 UPDATE

Moderate drought conditions were declared throughout southern New Hampshire in June. Then nearly three inches of rain fell in just as many days. Mosquitoes can flourish when heavy rains or flood tides follow a dry period.

Highlights of Dragon's work in Rye this month:

- Dragon crews larvicided salt marshes 13 days in June due to flood tides and heavy rain
- Weekly trapping of adult mosquitoes began June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 sites in town
- 172 greenhead fly traps were repaired and set out on the salt marshes including 16 new traps
- Trails from the Recreation Area to Parsons Field were sprayed for ticks on June 17<sup>th</sup>
- 282 catch basins were treated on June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Rye Recreation Area fields were sprayed for mosquitoes on June 25<sup>th</sup>

Arboviral disease updates:

- The NH State Lab began testing for EEE and West Nile Virus (WNV) July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - See <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/arboviral/results.htm> for test results
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> Department of Health and Human Services announced that an adult from Loudon, NH tested positive for Jamestown Canyon Virus
- EEE and WNV have been detected in Massachusetts
- Dragon will post updates on Twitter whenever mosquitoes test positive for disease in NH at <https://twitter.com/DragonMosquito>.

What can you do to reduce mosquito populations and protect yourself from diseases that mosquitoes spread?

- Mosquitoes require water to complete their life cycle. Check for and dump out standing water around your home each week where mosquitoes can lay eggs
- Wear light colored, loose fitting clothes. Mosquitoes are more attracted to dark colors and most can bite through tight clothing
- When practical, wear long sleeves and pants
- Choose a mosquito repellent that has been registered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Registered products have been reviewed, approved, and pose minimal risk for humans when used according to label. Information about repellents can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents>.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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