



## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Date: June 20, 2024  
To: Media Outlets  
From: Todd Darden, City Manager  
Re: Aerial Mosquito Spraying

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To avoid developing a high concentration of mosquitoes in our city, the City of Big Spring will conduct aerial spraying for mosquitoes tentatively during the overnight hours of Friday evening, June 21, 2024, through Saturday, June 22, 2024, weather permitting. The actual time of spraying will be determined by where we fit in the city list. The actual spraying of Big Spring should not take more than 30 minutes.

City administration wants to reassure the public that aerial spraying is safe. This procedure and product to be used has been approved by FEMA, the Texas Emergency Management Agency, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Aerial spraying, a highly effective method, is used to reach areas that truck-mounted sprayers cannot access, ensuring comprehensive mosquito control. Aerial spraying is more effective and faster than truck-mounted or handheld sprayers when treating large land areas.

Vector Disease Control International is the company that will be spraying. They specialize in aerial application, have been in business since 1992, and have over 40 offices across the United States. These products are being applied in strict accordance with label instructions as set forth and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. The company is fully licensed and certified by Federal monitoring agencies. Visit [www.vdci.net](http://www.vdci.net) for more information about the company. The product used will be Perm-X UL 31-66; visit [www.clarke.com](http://www.clarke.com) for product information.

When applied according to label instructions, **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**- registered do not pose a risk to human health or the environment. If people prefer to stay inside when spraying occurs, they can, but it is unnecessary. When aerial spraying is done correctly, it does not cause asthma attacks

### **What to do when aerial spraying occurs**

- You do not need to leave an area during aerial spraying. When applied by a licensed vector control professional who follows label instructions, aerial spraying poses minimal risk to people, pets, animals, and the environment.
- Because aerial spraying uses very low volumes, you aren't likely to breathe or touch anything that has enough insecticide on it to harm you. There is a possibility that spraying can cause eye irritation if a person is outside when spraying takes place.

Learn more at [www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/pdfs/aerial-spraying-508.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/pdfs/aerial-spraying-508.pdf). We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this process. The City of Big Spring is fully committed to ensuring the health and safety of our citizens.