

Mosquitoes

The NJDEP Office of Mosquito Control Coordination and the New Jersey State Mosquito Control Commission has established this page to provide the public with updates and links to information regarding Mosquito Control and the West Nile virus.

About the Commission

In New Jersey, organized mosquito control work began in the early 1900s following the discovery that mosquitoes were directly responsible for the transmission of some of the most deadly diseases known to man and his animals. Today, control of these pests in the state is addressed at every level of government, ranging from seasonal programs at the municipal and federal levels, to year-round programs administered by county and state agencies. One such agency is the State Mosquito Control Commission.

The State Mosquito Control Commission was established in 1956. The commission is staffed full-time by the Office of Mosquito Control Coordination and is located at the Department of Environmental Protection. Membership on the commission includes 6 public members and 4 state officials. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints the public members who serve for 4-years terms. Ex officio members include the Commissioners of the Department of Health, and Department of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, and the Director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. The Administrator of the Office of Mosquito Control Coordination performs the duty as Secretary of The State Mosquito Control Commission.

Responsibilities and Goals

The commission is responsible for the monitoring of mosquito control activities in the state. It must recommend to the Governor and State Legislature changes in existing laws needed to efficiently carry on mosquito control efforts throughout the state. One of the commission's primary goals is to protect the general public from nuisance mosquitoes and the threat of mosquito-borne disease. It strives to ensure the use of only the most environmentally safe and efficient mosquito techniques, products and programs. A safe environmentally-sound Mosquito Airspray Program is maintained. The commission reviews municipal and county mosquito control programs and projects to ensure their compliance with existing state and federal regulations and policies. It also supports and encourages the training of county mosquito control personnel and education of the general public with regard to mosquito biology, surveillance, and the various chemical, biological and water management techniques and practices used in the state's abatement efforts.

Who to Contact

All questions regarding a local mosquito control problem should be directed to: [county government mosquito control agencies](#).

For a copy of the commission's annual report, or for more information about mosquito control, contact:

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