

Spray

The program begins the first Monday in April and runs through the last Friday in October.

Day 1
NW quadrant

Day 2
SW quadrant

Day 3
SE quadrant

Day 4
NE quadrant

Vector Control crew will spray a minimum of 3 times per week, IF NECESSARY AND IF WEATHER PERMITS!

Weather conditions that restrict vector spraying:

Rain (causes 24 – 48 hour delay)

Gust Winds of 15 mph or higher

The mission of the City of Hondo is to assure a sense of community, safety and neighborhood integrity by providing needed municipal services, fiscal responsibility, and a progressive quality atmosphere in which to work and play with an emphasis on balanced, equitable growth. In addition, the city shall promote a belief in open and accessible government for all citizens.

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Vector Control

Everything you need to know about Hondo's mosquito control program.



Overview

The Vector Control crew routinely takes action when during the active months of April through October. Mosquitoes are not only a biting nuisance, but can sometimes transmit disease to humans and animals.

Why Are There So Many Mosquitoes?

Mosquitoes are attracted to the carbon dioxide which our bodies give off through our skin and when we exhale.

They grow in 4 stages: EGGS – laid in standing water or damp soil flooded by water. Most hatch within 48 hours. LARVAE – shed their skin 4 times and develop in 3 to 7 days. The warmer the weather, the quicker they hatch. PUPAE – develop in 1 to 2 days before hatching into adults. ADULTS – briefly rest on the water's surface since their wings have to spread and dry before flying.

Females can lay up to 150 eggs at one time and can live from 2 weeks to 2 months.

Help Fight Mosquitoes in Your Yard and Home!

What Can I Do to Prevent Mosquitoes?

- Empty, remove, cover or turn upside down any container that has the potential to hold water.
- Change water and scrub birdbaths or vases twice a week.



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- Clean clogged roof gutters.
- Repair leaking plumbing and outside faucets.
- Fill manmade ponds with mosquito-eating fish.
- Properly discard old tires or store them out of the elements.
- Tightly secure doors and windows



How Can I Protect My Family?

Wear light colors, long sleeves, and pants when in mosquito-infested areas.

Avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active.

Avoid perfumes, colognes, and heavy scents that attract mosquitoes.

Apply insect repellant to clothing and only sparingly to the skin. The most effective repellants contain DEET.

