

Information About the Upcoming Spray Event

The Town's contractor, Vector Disease Control International, will use a permethrin-based product applied in a fine mist.

The product utilized is considered safe for humans and even used to treat head lice on children and kill fleas and ticks on pets.

Residents interested in minimizing their exposure are encouraged to stay indoors and keep doors and windows closed for 30 to 60 minutes after spraying.

Still concerned? Additional steps you can take.

Protecting your garden

Residents can further minimize pesticide exposure by covering organic gardens, ponds, and water features with a cloth sheet or tarp. If you are worried about residual exposure and don't want to cover your gardens, you can run your sprinklers as the fog trucks come through. Running the sprinklers would prevent any potential residue on the plants. Please make sure you don't allow water to pool and create additional breeding ground for mosquitoes if you run water for an extended period of time.

Protecting your pets

We recommend bringing pets in for the spray event, and dumping outside water bowls after the spray event. Protecting your pets from biting insects, keeping them indoors at prime mosquito biting time and make sure they are vaccinated for diseases that can be prevented are general recommendations for pet owners to prevent West Nile and other diseases.

Protecting your beehives

We wait to spray after dark because bees should be in their hives for the night before spraying begins. If you are concerned about pesticide spray near your hive, some people cover their hives with a tarp or cloth during the spray event. Make sure to take the cover off in between spray events so they don't get too hot during the day.

Want more info on West Nile? Visit larimer.org/westnile.