



## MOSQUITO SPRAYING STATEMENT

**The most effective and long-term control of mosquitoes is through the reduction of standing water (breeding sites) and the biological/chemical treatment (larvaciding) of standing water that cannot be eliminated. Spraying for mosquitoes is a last resort to provide some short-term reduction in number of mosquitoes. Historically, frequent and routine mosquito spraying was a widely utilized and accepted practice in all mosquito prone localities. Based on good science, the governmental agencies that regulate outdoor pesticide applications now strongly discourage mosquito spraying EXCEPT when agents of mosquito borne illness (West Nile Virus, St. Louis Encephalitis, etc.) appear.**

**In light of regulatory pressures to limit mosquito spraying for disease prevention only, the reduction of mosquito breeding opportunities and personal protection (avoidance, reduction of exposed skin, wearing light colored clothing and use of insect repellents containing DEET) are the primary and most effective means of discouraging personal contact with nuisance mosquitoes. Therefore, mosquito spraying will be almost exclusively restricted to the detection of the West Nile virus in the Addison area.**