

## PROCESS FOR WAKEFIELD RESIDENTS TO EXCLUDE THEIR PROPERTY FROM MOSQUITO CONTROL SPRAYING

Wakefield residents who would like to exclude their property from mosquito control spraying next summer should send a certified letter to the Wakefield Town Clerk by March 1, 2009. The letter should include your name, address, telephone number and the spray program for which the exclusion is requested. In addition the boundaries of the property must be marked every 50 feet by orange surveyors tape or other appropriate means. The type of markings should be stated in the certified letter.

The Project uses a spray formulation containing the pesticide, sumithrin, to control mosquitoes. Sumithrin is a synthetic pyrethroid that is classified as a slightly toxic pesticide by the EPA. Mosquito control applications of sumithrin do not pose a significant risk to people or their pets due to the low toxicity of sumithrin and the small amount used to control mosquitoes. If residents see a spray truck approaching, they are advised to go indoors for a couple of minutes while the spray dissipates. Residents are also advised to close windows facing the street.

Questions on pesticide applications by the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project or the process to exclude properties from spraying can be answered by calling 781-899-5730.