

PRESS RELEASE

Mosquito Spraying Resumes April 3, 2025 in Tifton City Limits After Being Discontinued for Several Years

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TIFTON, Ga. – Mosquitoes are the deadliest animal in the world, spreading diseases like Malaria, Dengue, West Nile, yellow fever, Zika, chikungunya, and lymphatic filariasis.¹ Every year, there are more than 700,000 deaths caused by vector-borne diseases globally.²

Last year in the U.S., the CDC reported 1,466 cases of West Nile virus, with 53 of those cases in Georgia alone.³

Mosquitoes can especially be a problem in humid southern cities like Tifton.

For the protection of our citizens, the City of Tifton has contracted Astro Exterminating services of Tifton to spray every street in Tifton monthly, for the next eight months, beginning on Thursday.

Mosquito spraying will resume Thursday in Tifton during the evening hours.

The schedule of each monthly spraying is as follows for each Council District:

Week 1 -- District 1
Week 2 -- District 2
Week 3 -- District 3
Week 4 -- District 4

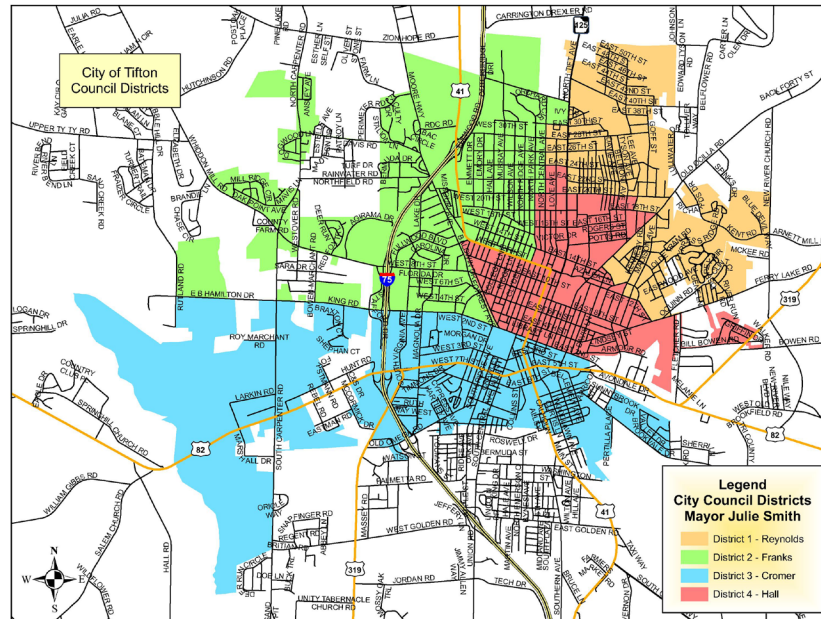


Figure 1: Tifton Council Districts

All spraying will take place during the evening hours.

Mosquito truck spraying is safe, and when professionally and correctly applied, Environmental Protection Agency-registered insecticides do not pose a risk to humans, pets, animals or the environment. It is not necessary for citizens to stay inside when spraying takes place, but they can if they prefer. The spray does not harm pets, but citizens can bring them inside when spraying occurs if they would like.⁴

Citizens can further reduce the mosquito population near their homes and businesses by dumping any standing water, as this is where mosquitoes breed.

The City of Tifton's vision is to continuously grow a safe and thriving community by providing progressive city services delivered with integrity and friendliness. To learn more about Tifton, please visit tifton.net.

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1: CDC, 2024, August 14 – Fighting the World's Deadliest Animal <https://www.cdc.gov/global-health/impact/fighting-the-worlds-deadliest-animal.html>

2: WHO, 2024, September 26 – Vector-borne diseases <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/vector-borne-diseases>

3: CDC, 2025, January 14 -- Current Year Data <https://www.cdc.gov/west-nile-virus/data-maps/current-year-data.html>

4: CDC, 2020, July 21 -- <https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/pdfs/truck-spraying-508.pdf>