



Robert P. Astorino
County Executive

Sherlita Amler, M.D.
Commissioner of Health

April 13, 2016

Dear Municipal Official:

For the last fifteen years we have been applying mosquito larvicide to public catch basins in order to prevent conditions favorable to mosquito breeding and inhibit the spread of mosquito borne diseases. This strategy has proved successful. Therefore, this year we plan to continue applying larvicides to public catch basins. I would like to remind you of the public health importance of cleaning debris from the catch basins to reduce the organic material available for mosquito larvae and to improve the effectiveness of the larvicide we will be applying.

This year we plan on beginning our catch basin treatments in mid-May. The exact starting date will be determined by weather conditions. **Therefore, please attempt to have all catch basin cleaning operations completed by May 15th.** Cleaning out catch basins after we treat them will obviously remove the larvicide and make the catch basin a potential mosquito habitat. Applicators will mark treated catch basins with one dot and mark untreated catch basins with two dots. Basins are left untreated if they do not hold water or if debris prevents access to the sump in the basin. A basin with two dots may be an indication that the basin needs to be cleaned. If there is a need to clean selected catch basins on an emergency basis after larvicides have been applied or if you have any questions, please let my staff know by calling (914) 864-7366.

Working together we can reduce the mosquito population in the county and thereby reduce the possibility of the spread of arthropod borne diseases.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,



Peter DeLucia, MPA
Assistant Commissioner
Westchester County Health Department

