

March 26, 2025

Re: Approval and Assistance with Public Health’s West Nile Virus Larvicide Program

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health has once again acquired the services of a mosquito management agency to carry out West Nile virus control programs for the 2025 season. The company will focus on catch basins near major urban centres in the County of Wellington, the County of Dufferin and the City of Guelph.

The pest management company will:

- Map and monitor larval breeding sites
- Identify larval species
- Apply larvicide according to best practices for integrated pest management
- Comply with all municipal, provincial, and federal laws, by-laws and regulations pertaining to the storage and use of larvicides to control mosquito species.

We hope you will assist us with these two requests:

1. Designate a contact person

This person will:

- Speak with the mosquito management agency as needed during normal business hours. The time demand is minimal.
- Have strong knowledge of sites such as catch basins and retention ponds, and sewer systems.

2. Provide us with a pre-approved letter

- Provide WDGPH with written notification stating that the City/Town/Municipality approves WDGPH for the application of larvicide to control West Nile virus. (Please see attached template.)
- Please email a scanned copy of the signed approval letter by Friday, April 21st, 2025, to hpd.assist@wdgpublichealth.ca

If you have questions or concerns, please call 1-519-831-9106 or email Michael.Coburn@wdgpublichealth.ca

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,



Mike Coburn, B.Sc, B.A.Sc., CPHI (C) Public Health Inspector

SAMPLE LETTER

Date

Dr. Nicola Mercer
Medical Officer of Health and CEO
160 Chancellors Way
Guelph, ON N1G 0E1

Re: Approval to apply larvicide

Dear Dr. Mercer,

The (name of Town, City, Municipality) supports actions by Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health to reduce the risk of West Nile virus in this area.

As a result, (name of Town, City, Municipality) authorizes permit applications, submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by the mosquito management agency on behalf of WDG Public Health, to apply larvicide to catch basins and/or surface water on:

- Locations owned or managed by (name of Town, City, Municipality).
- Municipal lands that drain into storm drain systems or waterways in (name of Town, City, Municipality).

(Signature and title of official representative of the Town, City, Municipality)