

Pest Alert – Mosquito Outbreak

Huge Mosquito Population Explosion Expected

Summer's back . . . and so are the unwelcome guests everyone dreads. The never-ending spring rainstorms that drenched the East Coast in March, and the hot days that followed in April, were the perfect storm for mosquitoes, say experts, breeding millions of bloodsuckers that came early and could stay for the season. "As of right now, it's really ramping up in a big way in the Northeast, as it is down here in the Southeast where I am in Florida," said Joe Conlon, technical adviser with the American Mosquito Control Association.

Thanks to a particularly wet spring, researchers warn of a giant mosquito invasion across the northeast this summer. Here's what to watch out for.

"What standing water is left [after a storm] breeds an enormous numbers of mosquitoes," Conlon said. And March's drenching downfalls left an awful lot. Massachusetts and Maryland slogged through the wettest months on record, according to the National Climatic Data Center, and Florida, Virginia and pretty much every state north of them saw precipitation above normal.

"It's very difficult to predict how the mosquito season is going to go," Conlon cautions. "If rainfall starts going down, the production throughout the mosquito season is going to go down." The amount of sunlight, the temperature and rainfall will determine how many mosquitoes you'll see at your next barbecue, added Stephen Rich.

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Mosquito Facts:

- Only female mosquitoes bite
- There are nearly 200 mosquito species in the US
- Mosquitoes need water to breed
- *Mosquitoes can go from egg to adult in as little as 4 days in warm weather*
- Mosquitoes are vectors (carriers) for several dangerous diseases including West Nile Virus and encephalitis
- Successful mosquito control includes larvae control, control of adults and repelling insects from living areas
- Mosquito season can last from April until November in many areas