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Goshen County Weed & Pest NEWSLETTER

Goshen
County
Weed
& Pest

IT IS "BUG" SEASON

As the weather warms up, the insects come out!

Crane fly: much bigger than mosquitoes; adults have extremely long legs; do not bite humans or prey on adult mosquitoes; may occasionally feed on mosquito larvae.



Crane Fly



Gnat



Mayfly



Moth



Stonefly



Midge

Midge insect: harmless; resemble mosquitoes in size and general appearance; found around ponds or streams and show up in big swarms that "dance" together in the air; active from April to September.

Aedes mosquito: nuisance mosquitoes; active during the day and prefer habitats close to humans; in other locations can transmit Zika virus, dengue fever, yellow fever and chikungunya.



Culex mosquito: can transmit West Nile virus; typically bite at dawn and dusk; populations usually peak in late summer when temperatures are hot; main focus of GCWP program.



Goshen County Weed & Pest monitors the mosquito population within the county each summer. If you have questions on mosquito populations around your property please call in to the office for more information.

HERBICIDE PRODUCT TYPES

That gallon of Roundup fits perfectly into your one-gallon hand sprayer. Wasn't it nice of the manufacturer to make that easy for us. Well, it's not that simple. There are several products that a person can purchase down at the local hardware store to treat weeds within their lawn. It is important to read the label to see if the purchased product is a concentrate or a ready-to-use product.

Is it a concentrate or ready-to-use product?

Typically, a ready-to-use product at a hardware or farm/ranch supply store will have an applicator attachment (wand, trigger nozzle) on the container. It can be used without mixing anything else. A concentrate needs a "carrier," usually water which should be fresh and clean. Some products may specify to add a petroleum-based carrier. "How much do I put in my tank" is only correctly answered if the sprayer is calibrated.

Calibration is easy, we promise!

Calibrating your sprayer doesn't mean you have to make a bunch of adjustments. The main function of calibration is to know the output of the sprayer which then determines how much chemical to add. Contact us for details or visit our website.

<http://www.goshenweedandpest.com/how-do-i.html>

RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Do you have a small scale project to get done, but lacking the proper equipment? Rent the needed equipment from us, call for rental pricing.

ATV SPOT SPRAYER

15 gallon tank with 15 feet of hose with a lever handgun.



MOSQUITO FOGGER

ULV fogger unit is used in the back of a pickup or UTV to control mosquitoes.

BACKPACK SPRAYER

3 gallon backpack sprayers.



All rental equipment is offered at a first come first serve basis. Please call the office for more info.

STAY IN THE KNOW

- May 11 - GCWP Board Meeting
- May 29 - Memorial Day (office closed)