



Dear Saltaire Homeowner:

The Village of Saltaire will shortly begin implementation of a Mosquito Control Program for the upcoming mosquito season, very similar to what been done in the past. It should be noted that the Fire Island National Seashore (FINS) is currently undertaking an Environmental Assessment for mosquito control that will determine the mosquito prevention and control measures that will be permitted on Fire Island. Dependent upon the final determinations made by FINS, this process may limit the Village's ability to implement aspects of its Mosquito Control Plan. We will keep you apprised of this process, and may ask for resident participation to make the Village's views known on this issue at the appropriate time.

One of the most important goals of the Village's program is to reduce mosquito breeding in Saltaire by attacking them at the larval stage. There are a number of ways we are doing this, but the most effective method is through the application of an organic substance known as Vectolex. A copy of the Specimen Label is available in the Village Office. The material comes in a granular form and is distributed through various broadcast methods. The active ingredient in Vectolex is very similar to that in BTI rings, but the advantage is that it is effective for a longer period of time. It prevents mosquito larvae from maturing into adult mosquitos.

The Board of Trustees has approved and endorses the use of Vectolex in all public areas within the village, and Suffolk County Vector Control will apply the material as part of its mosquito control plan for Fire Island. It is contemplated that the material will be applied on a bi-weekly basis, which can be increased if necessary during periods of excessive rainfall. The effectiveness of the program will be greatly increased if treatment is made in all areas of standing water on both public and private property. In fact it is vital, and we encourage your passive participation. However, the rights of the private homeowner are paramount and if you would prefer Vector Control not apply Vectolex on your property, either call the Village office or fill out the form below and mail it back to the office. We will advise Vector Control of your objection.

Vector Control will also be applying a similar substance, primarily Altosid, to the salt marshes of Clam Pond Cove on periodic Tuesdays throughout the summer, as has been done for a number of years. Altosid has proven to be a very effective mosquito control for salt water areas. A Specimen Label for Altosid is available in the Village Office. If you have any questions about the application of either Altosid or Vectolex, please feel free to contact me.

The Village once again has an available supply of BTI rings for distribution free of charge to all Village residents for use around private homes. We strongly encourage that you pick up your allotment and use in any standing water around your home. In addition, the Village has identified private septic pools throughout the Village as prime breeding sites for mosquitoes, and Vector Control will attempt to apply Vectolex through any obvious cracks that they observe in the covers of private septic pools. Although this certainly will help, it is logistically impossible to

treat every septic tank in this fashion. We therefore ask for your help. **The program would call for periodic treatment of the septic pools (perhaps every 20 days) by flushing a larvaecide such as a pulverized BTI ring down the toilet. We hope that all residents of Saltaire recognize the importance of this program and will actively participate in the treatment of their septic pools.**

Please be assured that the Board of Trustees is doing everything possible to reduce mosquito activity within the Village, thereby reducing the potential risk of mosquito borne diseases. Your cooperation will be required along the way, particularly as the Environmental Assesment being conducted by FINS progresses and the Village will need to make its voice heard.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mario Posillico
Village Administrator

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION

I OBJECT TO THE APPLICATION OF VECTOLEX ON MY PROPERTY AND REQUEST THAT YOU PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO SUFFOLK COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL.

Name _____

Saltaire Address _____

Signature _____