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Landowners have another opportunity to purchase bulk larvicide to battle mosquitoes and West Nile Virus this summer

Arapahoe County landowners with properties of one-acre or more who want to battle the West Nile virus this season have another opportunity to purchase larvicide to control mosquitoes and other pests this summer.

Once again, the West Arapahoe Conservation District, in cooperation with Arapahoe County and Tri-County Health Department, is offering landowners VectoBac G[®] and Bactimos[®] Bti larvicide - environmentally friendly bacteria that kill mosquito larvae before they hatch. Both products also are effective in controlling black flies, midge and filter fly larvae.

VectoBac G is a granular substance available in 40-pound bags for \$64. The granules are applied every seven to 10 days along the fringes of pools or creeks where the water is still, and in marshy or low-lying areas that retain water. Application rates vary from 2 ½ to 5 pounds per acre (8 to 16 granules per square foot), depending on breeding habitat. One bag should be sufficient for seasonal larvicide application along a 660-foot stretch of a creek.

Bactimos is a donut-shaped dunk that is packaged in quantities of 20 for \$13.08. The dunks offer sustained release of larvicide suitable for stock tanks or stagnant ponds. One dunk provides effective mosquito control for 100 square feet of water for about 21 days.

To order VectoBac or Bactimos, download a payment form from the Arapahoe County web site at www.co.arapahoe.co.us or Tri-County Health Department website at www.tchd.org. Forms may be faxed to 303-693-3379, but payment must be received by June 30. Make checks payable to the West Arapahoe Conservation District, 21901 E. Hampden Ave., Aurora, CO 80013. Larvicide orders will be available for pickup between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 9-10 only.

For more information about battling mosquitoes or the larvicide program, call Arapahoe County's Mosquito Control Office at 720-874-6751. For questions about larvicide orders, call the West Arapahoe Conservation District at 303-617-0032.
