

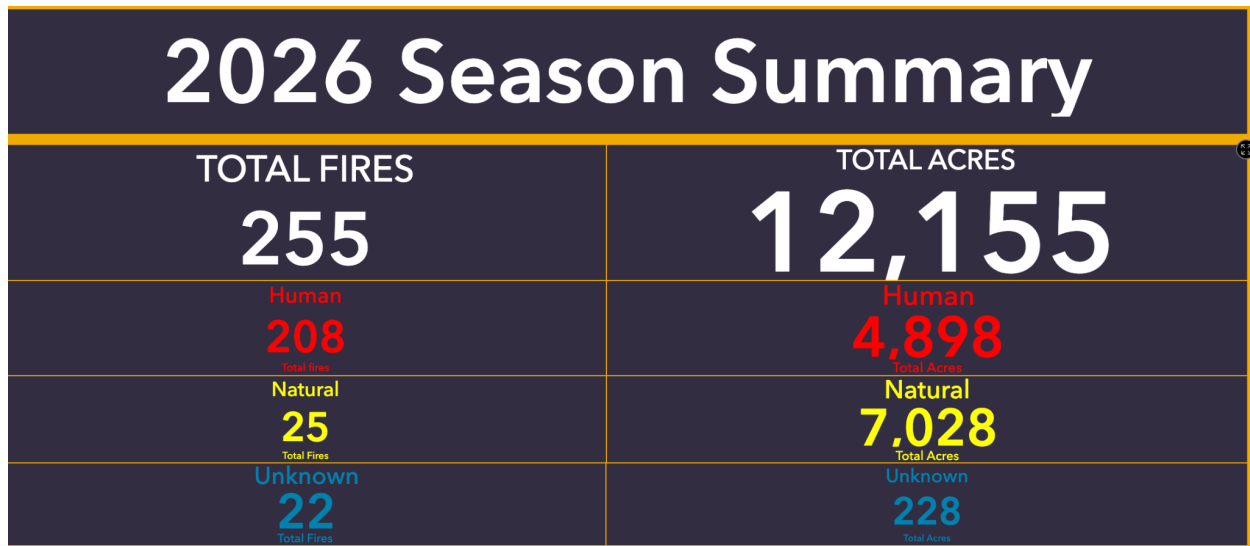
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Council Department Report  
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## TC Report July 8, 2026

### Utah League of Cities & Towns Water Information

Visit [drought.utah.gov](https://drought.utah.gov) for the latest updates on water levels, snowpack, wildfires, drought monitoring, the weekly lawn watering guide, and more.

Also see [Wildfire Conditions](#)



### Legislation

In Washington DC, Congress is poised to pass the first major housing-related legislation in decades. The National League of Cities (NLC) has been very involved in the bill and Team ULCT has been involved through NLC over the past year.

### SOUTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT & CONTROL DISTRICT

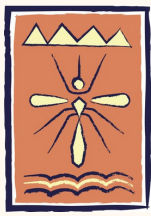
Sean Amodt presented at Town Council last month highlighting the District's programs & accomplishments.

See the attached newsletter.

### Emergency Management Training

On August 6th Town Staff will conduct Incident Command System refresher training.

ICS refresher training helps ensure town staff can operate under a common emergency management structure that is consistent with FEMA and NIMS (National Incident Management System). The training reinforces role clarity, chain of command, span of control, and incident objectives so staff can transition more effectively from routine operations to emergency response and supports safer incident operations. ICS is applicable not only to disasters but also to planned events, public safety incidents, infrastructure failures, and other situations requiring scalable command and coordination.



# SOUTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT & CONTROL DISTRICT

## JUNE 2026

### BOARD MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Summer is officially here, and mosquito season is well underway. Our staff has been busy conducting surveillance, responding to service requests, and monitoring mosquito activity throughout Washington County. Here are some of the highlights for this month.

## MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Here are the trap numbers through June 10, 2026:

Collections (adults):

-Total mosquitoes collected year-to-date- 6003 mosquitoes

-Comparison to last year- 6002 mosquitoes

Testing:

-Total vials tested year-to-date- 161

-Comparison from last year- 119

-Positive West Nile Virus (WNV) pools to date- 0

- Comparison to last year- 0

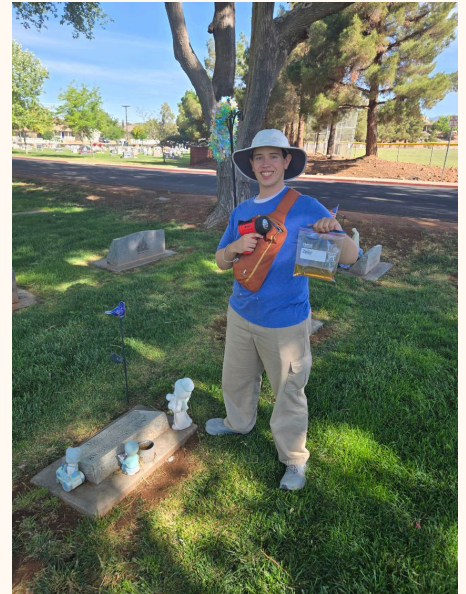
-Positive St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) pools to date- 0

-Comparison to last year- 0

Service Calls:

-Total service calls to date: 92

-Comparison to last year: 16



## NATIONAL MOSQUITO AWARENESS WEEK

JUNE 21 - 27, 2026

National Mosquito Awareness Week reminds us that mosquito control starts at home. Mosquitoes can develop in as little as a week in standing water, so residents are encouraged to take a few minutes each week to inspect their property and eliminate potential breeding sites.

Quick Mosquito Prevention Tips:

Empty standing water from buckets, flower pots, toys, and other containers.

Refresh bird baths and pet water dishes regularly.

Repair window and door screens.

Use insect repellent when spending time outdoors.

Working together, we can help reduce mosquito populations and make our communities more enjoyable throughout the summer.

## AEDES AEGYPTI UPDATE

Our Aedes aegypti surveillance season is well underway. Staff have checked all of the locations where Aedes aegypti mosquitoes were found in 2025 and are continuing to monitor those areas closely. We are already finding breeding sources in some neighborhoods and have detected a few Aedes aegypti mosquitoes in our traps.

In addition to surveillance efforts, we are working to educate residents about simple steps they can take to eliminate standing water and reduce mosquito breeding around their homes. Public participation plays an important role in helping control this invasive mosquito.

We will continue monitoring Washington County for Aedes aegypti activity and actively surveying neighborhoods throughout the summer to identify and address new problem areas as they arise.

# MOSQUITO SPOTLIGHT: WESTERN TREE-HOLE MOSQUITO

The Western Tree-Hole Mosquito, *Ochlerotatus Varipalpus*, is an uncommon species found primarily in southern Utah and northern Arizona. In Washington County, it is most often associated with cottonwood and willow trees near streams, rivers, and irrigation ponds. Unlike many mosquito species, its larvae develop in water-filled tree holes, and the eggs can remain dormant for years until flooded with water.

Adult females feed on mammals and are most active at night, though they may also bite during the day. This species is not currently known to transmit diseases and is considered unlikely to play a significant role in the spread of local mosquito-borne viruses.



## MOSQUITOES, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY

Public outreach is an important part of what we do, and we've enjoyed connecting with the community through several local events. Staff participated in the Utah Tech University Andrew H. Barnum Museum of Natural History's 1st Annual Rubber Duck Race Fundraiser at Fossil Falls Park and also attended UTXplore, a STEM-focused event at Utah Tech University. These events provided opportunities to share mosquito prevention information, answer questions, and engage with community members through educational activities and discussions about mosquitoes, public health, and the work of the District. We appreciate every opportunity to educate the public and strengthen our connections within the community.



## COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Thank you for your continued support of the District. We appreciate all that you do and the guidance you provide throughout the year. As we settle into the summer season, we hope you have plenty of opportunities to enjoy time outdoors with family and friends—and, of course, as few mosquitoes as possible!

We look forward to seeing you at our next Board Meeting on August 13, 2026, at 4:00 PM at the District office. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out if you become aware of any mosquito-related concerns in your community or if there is anything we can do to assist you or your councils.

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven't spent the night with a mosquito." — African Proverb

*Have a safe summer!*