

Photo Essay: Mosquito traps

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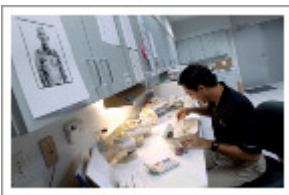


Thursday 5:30 a.m.: Adrian Salinas of the Collier Mosquito Control District collects a container of mosquitoes caught in a New Jersey light trap stationed at Coach House Lane in Naples on Thursday.

About 50 traps, which attract mosquitoes with light, heat and scent, are located throughout the county to monitor the mosquito populations.



6 a.m.: Salinas enters the mosquito lab where he will add his container to others collected that morning.



6:30 a.m.: Salinas sorts and counts mosquitoes by species and location to determine problem areas. Salinas says that recent storms have not helped or hurt mosquito control. "It's fantasy to believe we can rid ourselves of mosquitoes," said Salinas.

He also noted that mosquito control can take the edge off, but residents also should take personal action to fight the pests.

Precautions include dressing in light-colored clothes that cover the skin, avoiding outings at dusk and dawn, using repellent with DEET and emptying containers that hold still water.