

# UDCA Special Assessment District

## MOSQUITO ABATEMENT POLICY

State law allows expenditures for three services provided by special assessment districts.

- Security services
- Mosquito abatement
- Snow plowing

In the design stage of the Special Assessment District for University District, the Special Assessment Committee analyzed all three possibilities. Several firm conclusions were reached in the analysis regarding mosquito abatement:

1. UDCA Special Assessment District Committee was [and remains] categorically opposed to spraying the neighborhood as any part, ever, of its mosquito abatement efforts. There is considerable neighborhood opposition to such spraying, primarily because of health concerns, costs, and environmental issues.

2. Also during the design stage the Committee reviewed Florida reports on the use of pellets, dropped into storm drains, which prevented the hatching of mosquitoes. The committee found no reports of harm to anybody or anything other than the mosquito larvae. In July 2025, the committee met with Detroit Health Department staff who confirmed the effectiveness of this approach to mosquito abatement.

3. The cost of using pellets is far lower than the cost of spraying and pellets target the standing water where larvae are found. Pellets and pouches cost ~ \$1.50 each at area home stores. UD residents are encouraged to treat standing water in and around their homes when necessary.

4. UDCA SAD will continue to provide information to UD residents and review the question of mosquito abatement annually to determine the need, if any, for its use.

**THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE REMINDS US ALL TO AVOID HAVING  
PUDDLES OR ANY STANDING WATER ON OUR PROPERTY.  
WE DO NOT WANT TO  
“RAISE OUR OWN” MOSQUITOES!**