



Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for March 2022

Food Safety

All licensed food service operations and retail food establishments were inspected per the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code for the licensing year 2021. This would have been nearly impossible without the Workforce Development Grant allowing for the contracted food REHS inspector, Ryan Allarding's assistance.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 8 nuisance complaints during the month of March. The complaints were solid waste and Housing/Insect nuisance complaints. Also, correspondence was given to a few people on tenant landlord issues as well. Several of the solid waste complaints are still being followed up, as extensions were requested.

General Environmental Health

Funding and final reports will be completed in March and April for the 2021 mosquito control grant. I scheduled a tire collection event for April 9, 2022 from 8am-Noon at Willig Tire at 352 South Street for Galion residents to remove scrap tires from their stash which pose a significant mosquito breeding source. Healthy homes buckets are still available to the public in Galion, focusing on residents living in homes built pre-1978 to do wet cleaning to minimize lead dust hazards within the home.

On March 22, 2022, I received the following email from the Ohio EPA:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has completed the final application review process for the **2022 Mosquito Control Grant (MCG) Program**. We are excited to inform you that your application was selected for funding!

We are working as quickly as possible to prepare an MCG contract for your signature; however, please remember the MCG contract does not become effective until it has been signed by the Director of Ohio EPA. MCG monies cannot be used for activities conducted prior to the effective date of the MCG contract. Furthermore, grant monies will not be available until May 2022.

The 2022 MCG Contract, along with further instructions, will be distributed soon. We will be utilizing an electronic signature program, OneSpan, again this year. The authorized official can expect to see an e-mail from Ohio EPA (documents@esign.ohio.gov) with the contract in the next couple of weeks. Once the contract is effective, all contacts will receive a fully executed copy.

Please remember as part of the grant requirements, a mandatory grant kickoff module will need to be completed for the grant contact and the fiscal officer. Information on this module and how to access it through Ohio Learn will be available soon, there will be a 14-day window to complete on your own schedule.

If you have questions concerning the grant program, please contact us at mosquito.grant@epa.ohio.gov.

Thank you,

The Ohio EPA Mosquito Control Grant Team

All public swimming pool applications were sent out at the end of March so that renewals can be made prior to May 1, 2022.

Rabies

Galion received 4 dog bites and one bat exposure in March of 2022. 2 of the dog bites are still awaiting compliance by the owners to obtain current rabies vaccinations for the dogs and the bat was submitted to ODHL and tested negative for rabies. The Annual survey by the Ohio Department of Health for animal bite reporting for the rabies program has been sent to our department and was completed before the deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Barnes, REHS
Director of Environmental Health