



# Aerial Spraying: What You Need To Know

## How do you inform neighborhoods and towns prior to conducting an aerial spray?

In the regions that we serve, which may or may not be in your area, we follow the procedures designated by the county/parish. Before aerial spraying, we notify officials such as the county information officer, county emergency services, such as the police, 911 and EOC. We either produce the press release or it is produced by the county and released to the public.

## Why does your team wear protective gear and other equipment during an aerial spray?

We value the safety of everyone affected and involved in the treatments. The pilots and assistants that load the plane are required to wear person protective equipment as they may come in contact with larger amounts of chemical. They also wear night-vision goggles to prevent collision with towers and large structures and the planes that are used were selected because of their ability to securely fly with only one engine and not have to “dump” the chemical in the case of an emergency.

## How much of the chemical is applied during an aerial spray, and is it dangerous?

The amount of chemical that is applied is regulated by the EPA and is less than an ounce per acre with a droplet size of approximately half a human hair. This equates to two tablespoons per football field with the toxicity of an aspirin.

