



## MIDGES MOSQUITO

Midges are non-biting flies that resemble mosquitoes in size and general and general appearance. They are approximately a half-inch in length and light green to brown in color.

### MIDGE SOURCES

They develop and breed in aquatic habitats similar to mosquitoes. Residents living near the following sources are frequently annoyed by midge swarms.

- Spreading basins
- Reservoirs
- Lakes
- Ponds
- Flood control channels

### Places where Adult Midges are found

- Cars
- Screen doors
- Windows
- Walls
- Under eaves
- Porches
- Entryways
- Bushes and other vegetation

### Breeding Season

Midges are usually a problem from April to September, and survive the winter as larvae in mud and at the water bottom. Swarms usually emerge at sunset.

## **Impact on Living Standards**

When midges emerge as adults in enormous numbers, they invade nearby residences, disrupting outdoor/indoor activities, causing the following problems:

- May create stressful living conditions for nearby residents by not allowing outdoor activities around sunset hours such as jogging, bar-b-queing, etc.
- They are attracted to outdoor lights located approximately within a quarter mile of their breeding sources and may enter homes.
- Flying adults can become stuck on newly painted surfaces.
- Adults can deface walls, ceiling, curtains, etc.

### **Tips to help alleviate nuisance Midges.**

- Reduce overall light use during the evening by using less powerful bulbs
- Use yellow light bulbs in outdoor fixtures; yellow is less attractive to midges
- Delay turning lights on as long as possible after sunset
- Keep doors closed and windows tightly screened to prevent midges from entering the home
- Avoid using zap traps or other electrical traps, which are virtually ineffective.

### **SEMINOLE COUNTY SERVICES – MOSQUITO SPRAYING**

For mosquito control spraying within the CITY OF SANFORD please contact Seminole County Public Health – 407-665-5542.

