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Statement : Northacre Resource Recovery Centre, Westbury

Following the warm weather this past weekend, Hills Waste Solutions would like to reassure Westbury residents that recording systems at the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre (NRRC) are not showing an increase in flies.

The NRRC was not open to accept any waste over the Easter weekend. In addition, fogging of the plant was undertaken on Thursday (2 April) in anticipation of the warmer conditions over the weekend. Further fogging of the plant will take place tonight (7 April) as temperatures are forecast to remain warm for the remainder of this week.

Hills has a robust fly management programme in place at the NRRC which has been in operation continuously for the past 16 months. It has been agreed with the Environment Agency (EA) who inspect the NRRC regularly and have confirmed that the fly management programme is satisfactory.

The programme includes:

- Regular fogging and spraying of the biohall with insecticides to both prohibit the growth of larvae and eradicate fully grown flies that may be delivered with waste
- Fly monitoring and counting systems to give early warning of any increase in flies, both within the plant and around the borders of the site, which are inspected and recorded daily
- Flexibility to increase spraying should any increase be noticed, or when warmer weather is predicted
- Agreement with Wiltshire Council that household waste collection vehicles are washed out more frequently, to avoid flies being delivered with the waste

Warmer weather does lead to an increase in flies generally and further information can be found on Wiltshire Councils website at

[http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk
communityandliving/publicprotection/pestcontrol.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/publicprotection/pestcontrol.htm)

Advice issued by Wiltshire Council in relation to flies includes:

- Keep food covered and stored away in the fridge or cupboards
- Be extra careful to cover meat, fruit and vegetables when preparing meals
- Wrap all food waste before disposing of it in the bin and tie rubbish bags securely
- Make sure the bin is covered with a well fitting lid and is cleaned regularly
- Keep wheelie bins and dustbins away from doors and windows
- Use fly papers and contact sprays to deal with flies in the house
- Keep windows, doors and curtains closed and use screens if they are available

Regular liaison meetings are held with local elected representatives, the EA and Wiltshire Council Environmental Health officers to keep them updated on the operational activities at the plant. Copies of the minutes of these meetings can be found at www.northacrerrc.co.uk ENDS

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