

Program/Service Information Report

Healthy Environments Program 2019 Mid-Year Summary

January-June 2019

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Key Points

- The Healthy Environments program completed all required inspections, investigated all health hazard complaints and issued all required alerts.
- When responding to health hazard complaints WDGPH works closely with other levels of government (Provincial Ministries, Municipal By-law) to support them when they are the lead agency.
- Heat and cold alerts are based on Environment Canada criteria.

Program Requirements

Compliance with OPHS and Accountability Indicators:

In compliance

Not in compliance. If not in compliance, provide additional information about the variance and how it will be addressed.

Program Indicators:

Healthy Environments Indicators	2019 Mid-Year Actual	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"># Seasonal Farm Worker's Housing inspections	26/26	Includes compliance and pre-opening inspections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"># Recreational Camps inspected	7/7	4 camps to be inspected when opened for season
<ul style="list-style-type: none"># of Health Hazard Investigation	31/31	This number includes all Health Hazard calls (Air Quality, Radon, Hoarding, etc)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"># Heat/Cold Alerts	3/3	3 cold alerts in Jan-Feb 2019 for a total of 7 days.

Highlights

WDGPH and Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services jointly received funding to carry out a Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessment. The funding from Health Canada will support a third party agency to carry out the assessment over a 3 year period.

New Recreational Camp regulations were passed in 2018. The new regulations require the owner/operator to have a safety plan. Recreation camp inspection are posted on the Check Before You Choose website.

WDGPH supported two health hazard investigations that required significant time commitment by staff. One where the Ministry of Conservation and Parks was the lead provincial ministry and the other where city of Guelph By-law was the lead agency.

Related Reports

None.