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This Summer...Protect What Matters the Most!



MOSQUITOES & THE WEST NILE VIRUS

Mosquitoes and the diseases they can transmit are very much in the news. Although the West Nile Virus is relatively new in the United States, you can see how it has spread via the maps on the back of this page.

Mosquitoes are best dealt with by eliminating their source. Because they may not land or, only land for a short time on areas we service, any treatments we make will have a limited effect. Therefore, removing stagnant water sources on your property will go a long way towards stopping these pests.

During the regular servicing of your property by Western Exterminator Company, we will also look for and inform you of any potential mosquito breeding sites we find.

For water sources and breeding sites off your property, please call your local Vector Control Department. Their number is listed under "Government Offices, County" in the phone book or through "Information."

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

As stated above, mosquitoes need water to breed. They especially like still and stagnant water in containers like old buckets and cans, even tires and boats. The female mosquito (the one that bites!) lays her eggs in the water. Soon, the mosquito's eggs hatch into the actively swimming "wigglers" (larvae). In a few days, hungry adult mosquitoes are looking to feed on you. In the United States, mosquitoes used to cause epidemics of deadly diseases such as malaria and yellow fever. Fortunately, these diseases are rarely transmitted today, thanks largely to modern pest control. The most effective way to eliminate a mosquito problem is to eliminate the standing water where they breed. Begin by carefully inspecting your entire property. Look for anything holding water, then follow the prevention methods given.

BITE PREVENTION

- When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors.
- When you are outdoors, place mosquito netting over infant carriers.
- Consider staying indoors at dawn, dusk and in the early evening, which are peak mosquito biting times.
- Install or repair window and door screens so that mosquitoes cannot get indoors.



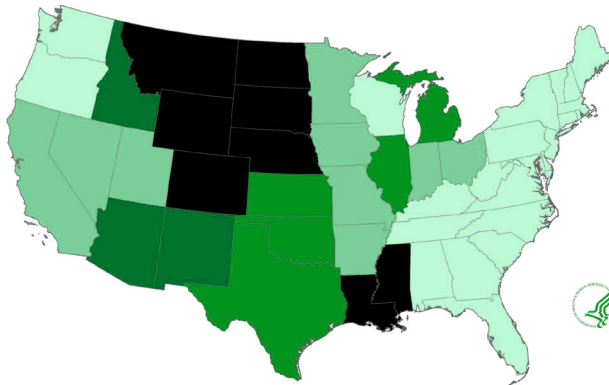
INSECT REPELLENT USE

If West Nile Virus or another potentially fatal mosquito transmitted disease is found in your area, consider wearing an insect repellent when outdoors. The Center for Disease Control recommends repellents containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide). Always follow the recommendations appearing on the product label.

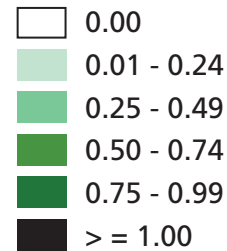
See the Center for Disease Control's website for more information on the use of insect repellents: <http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/faq/repellent.html>

The West Nile Virus is Spreading...

AVERAGE ANNUAL INCIDENCE OF WEST NILE VIRUS NEUROINVASIVE DISEASE REPORTED TO CDC BY STATE, 1999-2013



Incidence per 100,000



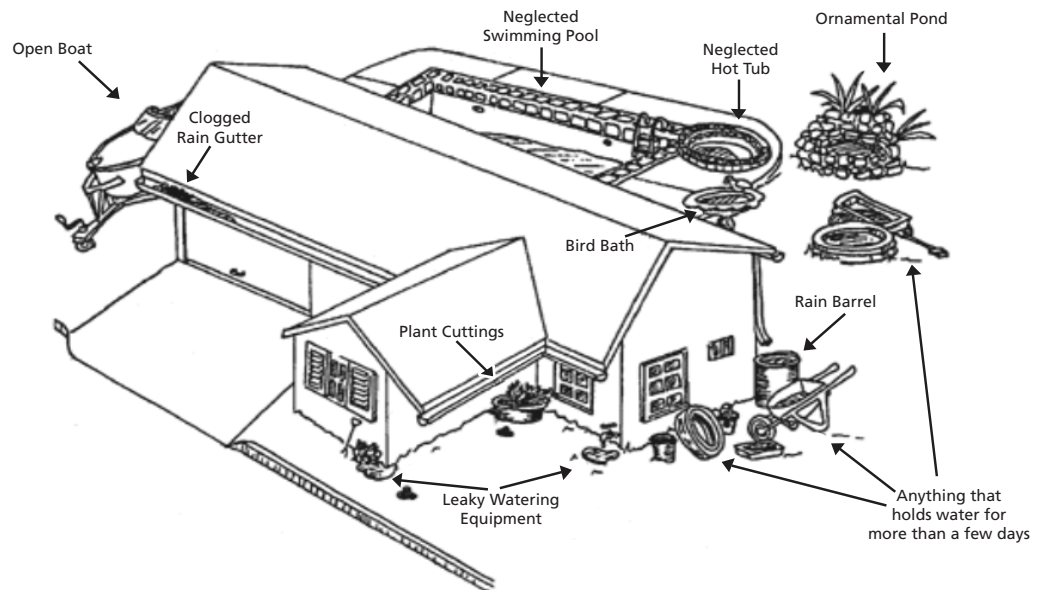
Source: ArboNET, Arboviral Diseases Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

PREVENTION METHODS

- Cans, Barrels, & Buckets** - Discard them, store them inside, or turn them upside down.
- Old Tires** - Store in a basement or shed where they won't collect rainwater.
- Garbage Cans** - Store tightly covered.
- Roof Gutters** - Clean out leaves and debris that trap and hold water.
- Bird Baths** - Change and clean the water every few days.
- Wading Pools** - Change the water every few days, but make sure that the water you dump out drains away. Turn upside down when not in use.
- Canoes & Boats** - Cover with a tight-fitting tarp, or turn upside down.
- Ornamental Ponds** - Stock with small fish that will eat developing mosquitoes.
- Puddles & Swampy Areas** - Grade to drain off water or fill with dirt.
- Flower Pots & Vases** - Drain standing water from pot saucers and change water in outdoor vases every couple of days.
- Leaky Faucets & Hoses** - Repair leaking faucets and drain areas beneath.
- Tarps or Plastic Sheets** - Make sure covers for boats, swimming pools, compost piles, equipment, etc., are pulled tight and sloped so that rainwater runs off.
- Swimming Pools** - Mosquitoes will not survive in a properly chlorinated swimming pool or spa.

Remember, for treatment of potential breeding areas found off of your property, please call your local County Vector Control Department.

TYPICAL MOSQUITO BREEDING AREAS FOUND AROUND BUILDINGS



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