

# Yard & Home Checklist

- Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water holding containers.
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in yard.
- Clean Gutters periodically.
- Keep drains, ditches and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly.
- Cover trash containers to keep out rain water.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store them indoors when not in use.
- Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation.
- Fill in tree pot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete.
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once a week.
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house, so adult mosquitos will not hide there.

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**TOGETHER,  
WE CAN CONTROL  
MOSQUITOS AND  
ENJOY THE GREAT  
OUTDOORS.**



## How You Can Help

### Your responsibility as a property owner...

- To clear your property of any potential breeding sites.
- To prevent any problem areas from reoccurring.

Mosquitos are an all too familiar summer nuisance. They are not only annoying, but they can be transmitters of West Niles Virus, St. Louis encephalitis, malaria and yellow fever to humans and heartworm to pets.

### Standing water means you can be raising mosquitos!

You can take simple, positive steps to reduce menacing mosquitos right at home, since many generations can breed right in your own yard.

Adult flying mosquitos often rest in tall grass shrubbery, but cannot develop there. All mosquitos need water to complete their life cycle.

Some mosquitos lay their eggs in standing water where they hatch in just a day or two. Other mosquitos may lay their eggs in old tires, tin cans, or other water-holding containers. The eggs may remain unhatched for weeks or even months until they are until they are covered with water!

So, after any significant rainfall remember to remove any standing water from your yard and help keep mosquitos from hatching.

### Our responsibility to you...

- To abate existing mosquito breeding sources.
- To prevent new breeding sites so residents can use and enjoy their backyards and other municipal recreational facilities.
- To protect health and comfort.

Breeding sources we control are created by standing water, which may be found in street catch basins, subdivisions drains, roadside ditches, flood channels, ravines and other public rights-of-way. Routine larviciding, done as necessary throughout the season will keep these areas mosquito free. It is our responsibility to work with whatever local, state, or federal agencies may be involved to keep these areas abated.



## West Niles Virus

### What is West Nile Virus?

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a mosquito-borne virus that can result in serious illness and sometimes, death. The virus can infect humans, birds, mosquitos, horses and other mammals.

### Disease Transmission

West Nile Virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito. Mosquitos become infected with the virus by biting a wild bird that has the virus; it is not transmitted directly from birds to people.

### Who is at risk of contracting West Niles Virus?

The chance of contracting WNV in persons over 50 years of age, however any individual living in areas where West Nile Virus has been detected is at risk.



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