

Fight Mosquitoes One Yard at a Time

You can protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes that may transmit West Nile virus and other viruses.

In your yard you should:

- **Eliminate all standing water from property.**
- Keep pool cover free of standing water.
- Maintain pools by chlorinating and filtering.
- Maintain ornamental ponds. (Stock with fish. Bubblers and fountains prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs.)
- Clean clogged house gutters of debris.
- Change water in birdbath and planter bases every 1-3 days.



- Turn over containers, buckets, and wading pools.
- Remove un-rimmed tires from property.
- Check window and door screens and repair if needed.
- Properly grade property to prevent standing water.
- Maintain drainage ditches and keep clear of any obstructions.
- Properly cut and maintain all vegetation on property.

When outdoors at dawn and dusk you should:

- Wear long sleeve shirt and long pants.
- Consider insect repellent. (Use according to label directions.)
- Limit outdoor activities. (Mosquito activity is greatest during the hours of dawn and dusk.)
- Stay away from brush, shrubs, and wooded areas where mosquitoes may live.



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