

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a disease spread by mosquitoes, which bite birds infected with WNV, then bite people and animals.

Most people bitten by an infected mosquito will not get sick. Most people who do get sick will have a relatively mild, flu-like illness. A very small percentage of people will get West Nile Encephalitis, which can cause serious illness and very rarely even death.

Reduce the chance of being bitten by a mosquito infected with WNV by eliminating standing water, which becomes a perfect mosquito breeding ground after four days, around the home. Here's how to help fight WNV at your house.

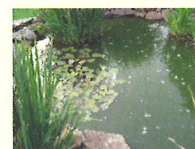
DUMP IT—Dump water from buckets, flower pots, kiddie pools, old tires and other containers. Even a cupful of water in one of these containers can breed thousands of mosquitoes.

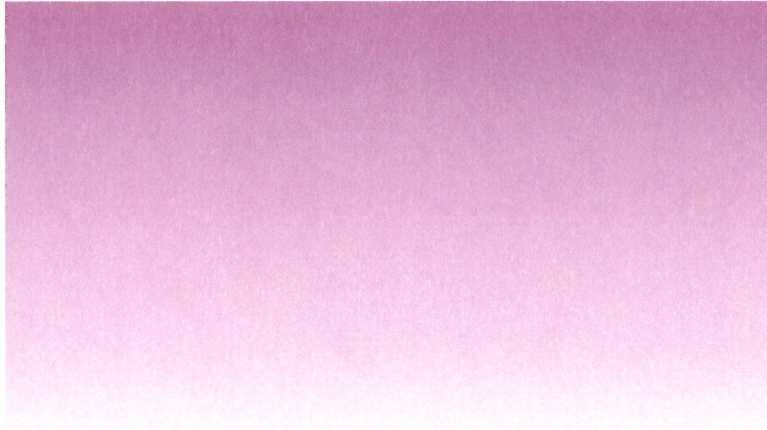


DRAIN IT—Trash cans and other containers that are left outside may hold water. Drill small holes in the bottom of these containers to let water drain out.



TREAT IT—Birdbaths, ponds, ditches, and low spots where standing water can't be removed can be treated with *Bti* products available at outdoor, lawn and garden, home improvement, and other retail stores. *Bti* is safe for kids, pets and plants.





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