

What you can you do?

Mosquito-borne diseases are spread by infected mosquitos. The best defense against these diseases is not giving them a place to breed.



Here are some things you can do around your home:

- Dispose of cans, containers, and pots that hold water and have collected on your property.
- Pay attention to discarded tires. Stagnant water in tires are where most mosquitos breed. To report waste tires, contact your regional office of the **PA DEP Bureau of Land Recycling and Waste Management**.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outdoors and turn over plastic wading pools or wheelbarrows when not in use.
- Clean roof gutters at least once a year. Roof gutters can produce millions of mosquitos each season.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools when not in use. Don't forget to drain the water that collects on top of the pool cover!
- Make sure all windows and doors have screens and they are in good repair!

If West Nile is found in your area, here are some ways you can protect yourself:

- Take normal steps to prevent insect bites. Wear shoes, socks, long pants and long -sleeved shirts when outdoors for long periods or when mosquitos are most active.
- Consider the use of Mosquito Repellent when it is necessary to be outdoors. Use it according to directions and be sure to wash all treated skin and clothing when returning indoors.
- For information on Mosquito Control, visit Pennsylvania's West Nile Virus Control Program Site at: www.westnile.state.pa.us

