

# PROTECT YOUR HOME AGAINST MOSQUITOES

Mosquitoes can develop in water that has been stagnant for more than 5 days. They can breed in a small amount of water the size of a bottle cap. Please follow these tips to reduce the mosquito population and prevent the spread of West Nile Virus.



 Remove old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or other containers that can hold water from your front and back yards. Play tires can have holes drilled through them to prevent water from accumulating. 

 Empty plastic wading pools weekly or store upside down when not in use.

 Do not allow water to collect in pool covers.

 Do not allow swimming pools or hot tubs to be neglected. 

 Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito eating fish, such as, goldfish or minnows.

 Store boats, garden equipment and toys covered or upside down.

 Water bowls for pets should be emptied and refilled daily.

 Change water every few days in bird baths and plant saucers. 

 Keep weeds and grass cut short.

 Be sure screens in homes are in good repair and tight fitting.

 Keep gutters around your home free of debris and in good repair.

 Repair leaky outside faucets. 

## PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

If you are going out between dusk and dawn remember to wear long sleeves, pants, socks and shoes. 

Apply insect repellent with DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus according to the labeled instructions.

## REPORT DEAD BIRDS



If you find a dead bird and the carcass doesn't have any outward signs that it has died, call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at 847-499-9045. Birds that have an odor, maggots, deflated eyes or visible wounds will not be tested. If the bird is acceptable, it will be tested for West Nile Virus. Acceptable birds include crows, blue jays, grackles, starlings, robins, cardinals, sparrows, finches, hawks and owls.