



Mosquito Smarts

How to Reduce the Risk of Getting West Nile Virus

- Drain standing water in your yard. Empty water from mosquito breeding sites, such as flower pots, pet bowls, clogged rain gutters, swimming pool covers, discarded tires, buckets, barrels, cans and similar items in which mosquitoes can lay eggs.
- Minimize activities in areas where mosquitoes are present such as shaded areas.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants outdoors.
- Use insect repellent containing no more than 35% DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide). When using insecticide or insect repellent, follow manufacturer's directions for use.
 - **Avoid using repellent on children under 2 years of age.**
 - On children 2-6 years of age, repellants should be used sparingly and contain only 10% DEET.
 - Be careful using repellent on the hands of older children because repellents may irritate the eyes and mouth.
- Maintain window and door screening to keep mosquitoes out of buildings.
- Report dead crows to *Oakland County Health Division's Information Line* at 877-377-3641.

There is no vaccine for West Nile Encephalitis.
However, by following these guidelines you can reduce the risk of becoming infected.

**For more information on West Nile Virus contact
1-877-377-3641**

or visit our website at www.co.oakland.mi.us/health

