



# Mosquito Smarts

## Mosquito Control For Communities

Protect yourself and your community from Mosquito Borne-Disease.

Remember the Three R's:

**Reduce** areas where mosquitoes breed

**Repel** to protect against mosquitoes

**Report** potential mosquito breeding areas to proper personnel

Some examples of the Three R's:

- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water on property.
- Drain or eliminate playground equipment such as tire swings that can hold water.
- Where appropriate, make sure screened windows and doors are all in good repair.
- During extra curricular activities, avoid outdoor areas where mosquitoes may be present (i.e. shaded, and wooded areas, including areas with weeds or tall grass).
- Limit outdoor activity at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. (i.e. athletic practices and events)
- Properly dispose of cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or other water-holding containers on school property.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers and cover refuse containers that are left outdoors.
- Clean clogged roof gutters.
- Turn over plastic wading pools or toys that collect water.
- Repair leaky outdoor faucets.
- Report dead crows to *Oakland County Health Division's Information Line* at 877-377-3641.
- Mosquito repellent is one protective measure to reduce mosquito bites when outdoors. Put on repellent before outdoor recreational activities. Use repellents carefully and according to directions.

If insect repellent is used, it is recommended to use repellents containing up to 35% DEET. On children 2-6 years of age, use repellents containing not more than 10% DEET. **Do not** use repellents on children younger than two years of age.

Avoid application to areas where repellent can get into the eyes and mouth. Wash all treated skin and clothing when returning indoors.

**For more information on West Nile Virus contact**

**1-877-377-3641**

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