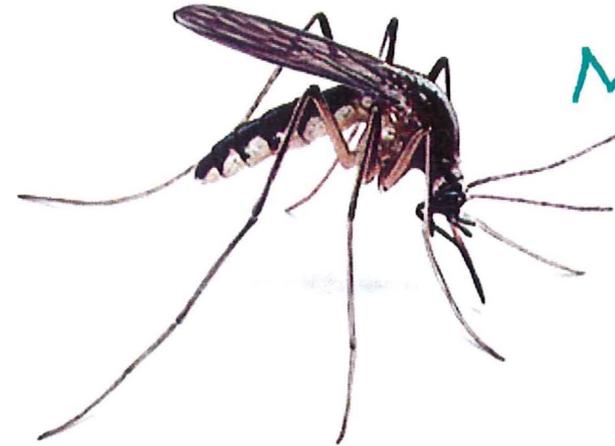


OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DIVISION

Mosquito
Smarts



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

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PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY FROM MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASE

REMEMBER THE THREE R'S:

REDUCE areas where mosquitoes breed

REPEL against mosquitoes

REPORT dead crows to Oakland County
Health Division's Information Line
877-377-3641

MOSQUITO FACTS

- All mosquitoes require two items to lay eggs:
 - 1) blood meal to allow eggs to develop
 - 2) water in which to lay eggs
- Mosquitoes do not breed in tall grass. However, tall grass and other shade protected areas (i.e. shrubs and ornamental trees) provide mosquitoes with shelter and resting areas.
- A mosquito can grow from an egg to an adult in less than 10 days when weather is favorable.
- The most common mosquitoes found in urban and suburban areas will lay eggs in virtually any receptacle containing water and decomposing organic materials such as leaves, grass clippings or algae.

REDUCING MOSQUITOES AROUND THE HOME

- Eliminate standing water that collects in children's toys, buckets, tires, unused pools, roof gutters, birdbaths, boats and other containers.
- Use insect repellents containing up to 35% DEET. Use repellents containing not more than 10% DEET sparingly on children 2-6 years of age. **Do not** use repellent on children younger than 2 years of age.
- Wear protective clothing such as long sleeve shirts and long pants.
- Limit outdoor activity at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Maintain window and door screening to keep mosquitoes out of your home.
- Clean roof gutters often to prevent clogging.
- Wash birdbaths weekly to prevent build-up of algae and dead leaves.
- Keep outside food and water bowls for pets clean and change water daily.
- Drain outdoor potted plants to avoid standing water.
- Keep swimming pools cleaned and chlorinated and drain water that collects on top of pool cover.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with surface feeding minnows (goldfish offer little, if any, benefit).
- Eliminate low-lying areas where standing water may collect.
- Mow your lawn on a regular basis, cutting tall grass and weeds next to building foundations and fence lines.

