

# TAKE CONTROL

## Stop West Nile Virus



### In your yard • In your community

Dump standing water • Use repellent • Dress for dusk to dawn

#### PROTECT YOUR YARD AND COMMUNITY



**Start protection and prevention measures now.**

Fortify your home against mosquitoes by checking screens on windows and doors to ensure that they fit well and are not torn. Make any needed repairs to help keep mosquitoes from getting indoors. Dumping and draining standing water helps eliminate areas in your yard and community where mosquitoes can lay their eggs. It does not take much water for mosquitoes to breed.

#### LOOK FOR AND DUMP ANY STANDING WATER

- At least once or twice a week, dump water from flowerpots, a pet's food and water dishes, birdbaths, swimming pool covers, buckets, barrels and cans.
- Check children's toys and wading pools; dump out any water.
- Turn over things like wheelbarrows and buckets to keep them from collecting water.
- Check for clogged rain gutters and clean them out.
- Remove discarded tires, and other items that could collect water.
- Be sure to check for containers or trash that may collect water in places that may be hard to see, such as under bushes or under your home.
- If you keep a boat in your yard or at a marina, be sure to check it regularly and dump any water that may have collected.



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