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Stop West Nile In Fulton Task Force

# West Nile Virus Homeowner Checklist

The Best Protection From The West Nile Virus Is To:

1. Reduce the number of mosquito bites you receive.
2. Remove all standing water in the area where you live.
3. Complete the following safety checklist.

## Protect Yourself

- ☐ Wear long pants, long sleeved shirts and socks.
- ☐ Use insect repellent containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide)  
(Note: Read carefully and follow manufacturer's instructions. Do not use on infants or pregnant women.)
- ☐ Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens in good repair.

## Eliminate Standing Water That Collects On Your Property

- ☐ Dispose of tin cans, old tires, bottles, jars, buckets, drums, ceramic pots and other containers, or make sure they contain no standing water.
- ☐ Clean clogged gutters and/or slope to downspouts.
- ☐ Drain improperly installed and sagging swimming pool covers.
- ☐ Change the water in birdbaths at least twice weekly.
- ☐ Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor spas, saunas and hot tubs—If not in use, keep them empty and covered.
- ☐ Change water and scrub containers/vases holding plants twice weekly.
- ☐ Empty your pet's watering pan daily.
- ☐ Repair leaky pipes and faucets.
- ☐ Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks.
- ☐ Eliminate weeds, tall grass and other mosquito breeding places.
- ☐ Use larvicide where standing water cannot be removed or fill holes.
- ☐ Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito eating fish.
- ☐ Remind neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their property.

## When in Doubt, Dump it Out!

You may be raising mosquitoes in your home and yard.  
Mosquitoes carry serious diseases such as encephalitis, yellow fever, dengue and malaria.

Mosquito Hotline (404)730-5296 Dead Bird Pick-up (404)524-7368

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