

It's that time of year again! Mosquito season. West Nile Virus (WNV) levels within the adult mosquito population have escalated to levels where transmission to humans is likely. Aside from planned night time spraying, the following is recommended:

To Avoid Mosquitos:

- 1) Wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt when outside.
- 2) Loose fitting, light colored clothing is best.
- 3) Appropriate use of insect repellents per manufacturer's instructions is recommended.
- 4) Avoid being outside at dusk.
- 5) Inspect and repair any damaged window screens around the house.
- 6) Be sure air conditioning holes, dryer vents, etc. are plugged up.

Residents should look for potential mosquito breeding sources around the home and take the following simple steps:

- 1) Throw away all trash that can hold water such as cans, jars, bottles, etc.
- 2) Clean rain gutters/downspouts to prevent water from standing in gutters or on flat roofs.
- 3) Change water in bird baths, wading pools, etc. at least once a week.
- 4) Maintain swimming pools properly.
- 5) Remove or turn over containers, buckets, wheel barrows, etc. which may accumulate water.
- 6) Screen rain barrels to prevent adult mosquitoes from depositing eggs on the water's surface.
- 7) Aerate ornamental ponds and stock with goldfish or other surface-feeding fish to control mosquito production.
- 8) Dispose of any used tires without rims to prevent water accumulation

For information on night time spraying locations/dates, go to: <http://www.desplainesvalleymad.com/> The Village of Burr Ridge addresses the mosquito population at the larvae level and is not responsible for any insecticide spraying within the Village.