Reduce Your Risk for West Nile Virus

The Skokie Health Department is alerting residents that the risk of human infection with West Nile Virus (WNV) persists throughout the Community. Recently a dead bird found in Skokie tested positive for WNV.

Residents are urged to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites:
- Stay indoors at dawn, dusk or early evening.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors.
- Spray clothes with repellants containing DEET and apply very sparingly on exposed skin.

Eliminate mosquito breeding areas in the following manner:
- Remove standing water where mosquitoes can breed.
- Change the water in birdbaths and plant pots at least once a week.
- Empty plastic pools at the end of each day.
- Keep grass and shrubbery cut short.
- Keep gutters clean and free-flowing.
- Don’t let water stand on flat roofs.
- Clean and maintain any catch basins that may be on the property.

If you find a dead bird, it is important to contact the Skokie Health Department to collect the bird for testing to determine the extent of WNV activity. To report a dead bird, please call 847/933-8484.

For more information on WNV or to report potential mosquito breeding sites, please contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8484 or the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District (NSMAD) at 847/446-9434. NSMAD will treat catch basins for mosquito larvae.

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