

REDUCE MOSQUITO BREEDING GROUNDS IN LEWISBORO

- Remove debris that can accumulate water, including piles of discarded tires, soda cans, construction debris.
- Encourage neighborhood associations to organize clean-up plans.
- Encourage residents to remove water from cans, jars, old tires, clogged gutters, yard decorations, or any other outdoor containers since mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water
- Involve your municipal departments and community boards in removal of stagnant water and containers that can harbor it.
- Instruct developers and construction site managers to remove standing water or have it treated with larvicide by a professional applicator.
- Partner with a Community Organization to tackle bigger areas in your hometown.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoors saunas and hot tubs. Be sure rainwater does not collect on pool, sauna or hot tub covers. Use a garden hose to flush out hard-to-reach places with stagnant water. Repeat twice weekly as needed.
- Cover trash containers to keep out rain.
- Keep drains, culverts and streams on your property clean of weeds and trash so that the water will drain properly.
- Fill in hollow tree stumps and rot holes that hold water with sand or concrete.
- Drill holes in the bottoms of recycling containers that are kept outdoors.
- Drain water in birdbaths, plant pots and drip trays twice a week
- Clean roof gutters and remove water from flat roofs.
- Sweep your driveway after it rains so that it's free of puddles.

For more information call the 24 hour West Nile Virus Hotline at 914-813-5609 or Westchester County Department of Health at 914-813-5000 visit their website at westchestergov.com/health.

More information about protecting yourself against mosquito bites, reporting of dead birds and information about the county's mosquito control program is available as per the above.

PRECAUTIONS:

According to Westchester County Health Department it is not necessary to limit outdoors activities unless there is evidence of mosquito borne disease. They recommend these precautions to reduce your risk of mosquito bites:

- Wear shoes, socks, long pants and long sleeved shirts especially between dusk and dawn.
- Consider the use of mosquito repellent when it is necessary to be outdoors. Use as little as necessary with no more than 30% DEET. 10% or less DEET for children under 5 years of age. Products which do not contain DEET may be less effective.
- Do NOT apply to eyes, nose, mouth or hands of small children because accidental ingestion may occur. Avoid prolonged and excessive use of DEET. Use just enough repellent to cover exposed skin or clothing. Do not treat unexposed skin. Wash treated skin in soap and water after returning indoors.

Additional information may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office. Call 763-3511.