



West Nile virus can be passed to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. The best way to keep mosquitoes away is to clean up areas of standing water where they like to breed.

## What you can do

- Clean up and empty containers where water collects such as old tires, tin cans and flower pots
- Change water in bird baths weekly
- Remove water that collects on pool covers
- Turn over items such as wading pools, wheelbarrows and small boats
- Clear leaves and twigs from eavestroughs, storm and roof gutters
- Unclog drainage ditches so water flows freely
- Make sure the swimming pool pump is circulating water
- Clear out dense shrubbery where mosquitoes like to rest
- Turn over compost frequently
- Check that door and window screens are tight-fitting and in good repair
- Drill holes in the bottoms of containers so water cannot collect