

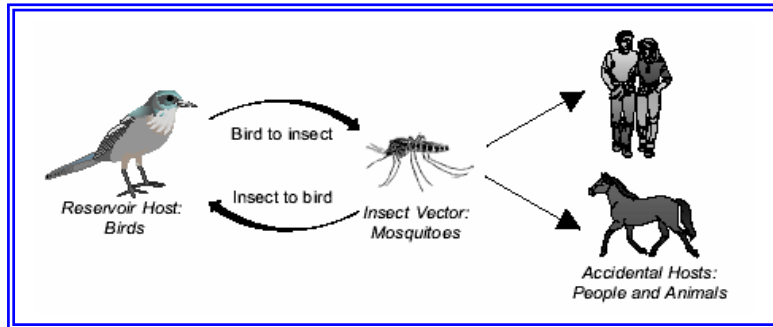
Mosquitoes can spread Disease

-Take Action-

Prevent Mosquito Breeding
where we live and work

Prevent Mosquito Bites

Mosquito-borne Disease Transmission Cycle



Dead birds may indicate the presence of West Nile virus (WNV). In people, West Nile illness is usually mild but can be severe.

Contact a medical provider for fever that lasts more than 7 days.

For Information, and to Report Dead Birds call the California West Nile Virus Hotline 1-877-WNV-BIRD

Or go to www.westnile.ca.gov

Mosquitoes Breed in Standing Water

A Spoonful of Water can Produce Thousands of Mosquitoes --Within One Week!

We Can Prevent Mosquito Breeding

- **Keep tires under cover or recycle them.** Tires are a major mosquito source.
- **Clear roof gutters in Spring and Fall.**
- **Drain or maintain ornamental ponds, hot-tubs, birdbaths, pools, boats, garden furniture.**
- **Pick up leaf litter.** Wet leaves clog drains and provide ideal conditions for mosquitoes to breed.
- **Empty, discard, cover or invert** items large and small that can hold water, such as buckets.
- **Cut back on watering.** Let the surface soil dry.
- **Use gravel or sand** to repair ruts and puddles.
- **Keep ditches free of weeds.** Keep water flowing.
- **Thick shrubbery attracts mosquitoes.** Keep shrubs trimmed away from doors and windows.

For Assistance
and

To Report Unusual Mosquito Activity or Standing Water in San Francisco Call: 415-252-3806

Prevent Mosquito Bites

Best way to prevent mosquito-borne illnesses

- **Avoid** being out when mosquitoes are active.
- **Wear** light-colored long-sleeves, long pants.
- **Screen and weather-strip** your windows.
- **Use a repellent** when mosquitoes are active.
- **DEET** products must be used with care!
 - **Follow label directions**
 - **Keep out of the reach of children**
 - **Do not apply to children's hands**

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Are You Raising MOSQUITOES?

FIGHT THE BITE! Taking Action Against Mosquitoes in San Francisco



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