



Fight the Bite And Protect Yourself Against West Nile Virus

The Ada County Mosquito Abatement District has a comprehensive mosquito abatement action plan to protect residents against the West Nile virus. We begin by monitoring and controlling mosquito larvae populations at 2,400 water sites across 68,000 acres countywide. Crews are also out every week collecting mosquitoes from 50 trapping locations throughout the county. Trapped mosquitoes are identified and tested for the presence of the West Nile. If a positive test is found, we identify the positive test pool on the Mosquito Tracker Online Mapping Web site, and determine how to best abate adult flying mosquitoes in the area.

This comprehensive mosquito abatement action plan involves an important aspect – YOU! We need your help in reducing mosquito populations. This brochure describes how you can mosquito-proof your home and ensure you aren't unknowingly helping to breed mosquitoes – especially those mosquito species known to carry the West Nile virus.



Standing water like this is prime mosquito habitat

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Mosquitoes need standing water to complete their life cycle, and a female mosquito needs as little as two tablespoons of water in which to lay her eggs. It is **IMPERATIVE** you remove or monitor all areas of standing water from around your property. This image illustrates common areas where water can collect to make prime mosquito larvae incubator sites.

- Drain ALL standing water from your property. Mosquitoes only need two tablespoons of water in which to lay their eggs.
- Fully drain your pond and birdbath for cleaning.
- Use inexpensive "Mosquito Dunks" to kill mosquito pupae and larvae that could be growing in your ornamental pond, animal water troughs...etc.
- Avoid overwatering your lawn. Fix leaky spigots/irrigation equipment.
- Report any abandoned pools/spas in your neighborhood. Call 208-577-4646.
- Wear an EPA-registered insect repellent when outside.
- Wear light-colored long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outside.
- Avoid being outside between dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.
- Repair or replace broken windows and door screens so mosquitoes can't get inside your home.

