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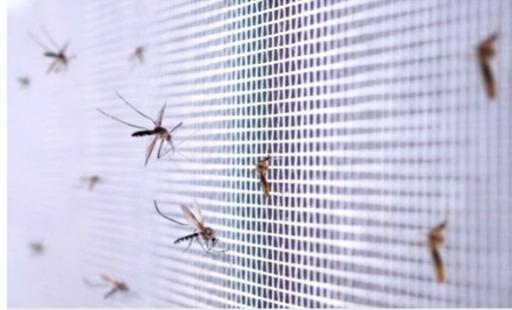
**3. Pets and livestock.** Empty and refill water bowls every few days. Add mosquito-eating fish to larger water troughs for livestock and horses.



## 4. Cover up and use an insect repellent.



**5. Keep mosquitoes out.** Install 18x18 mesh window and door screens and avoid propping doors open after dark.



**6. Check for mosquitoes emerging from indoor water sources.** Flush toilets and run showers weekly if they are not used. Check swamp cooler systems, indoor plant saucers, "Lucky Bamboo" and flower vases for wriggling larvae.



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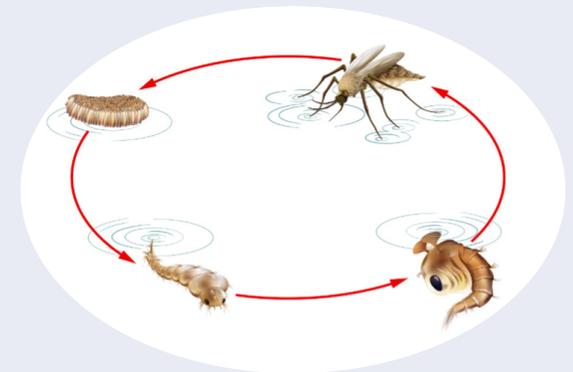
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# Mosquitoes (quick read)



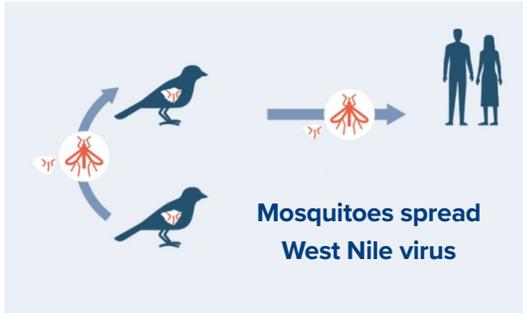
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Female mosquitoes bite people and other animals as they feed on blood.

Mosquitoes do **not** spread hepatitis, HIV or the coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

West Nile virus can be spread if an infected mosquito feeds on a person.



Mosquitoes that spread West Nile virus begin to bite at sundown and feed until sunrise.

Most people who get infected with West Nile virus do not get sick. But 1 in 5 people have symptoms:



**Fever**

**Headache**



**Body aches**

**Joint pain**



**Vomiting**

**Diarrhea**



**Tiredness**



**Swollen glands**



**Rash**



Most people recover with rest and treatment at home. A few become very sick and the disease can be deadly.

**Seek immediate medical attention if any of the following symptoms develop: a fever over 103°F (39.4°C), confusion, coma, physical jerking, weakness, loss of sight, numbness or paralysis.**

### How to reduce mosquitoes and related illness

#### 1. Drain or treat standing water.

Mosquito eggs hatch and the young grow in water. The best time to kill mosquitoes is before adults emerge and females start biting.

