

The checklists below include property maintenance and personal safety tips against West Nile Virus.

### **Check your home for breeding sources**

- \_\_\_ **Birdbaths:** Clean weekly
  
- \_\_\_ **Chain link fence:** Cap uncapped fence pipes
  
- \_\_\_ **Containers:** Cover or turn upside down
  
- \_\_\_ **Decorative ponds:** Stock with mosquito eating fish that eat larvae
  
- \_\_\_ **Drains:** Keep outdoor drains flowing freely
  
- \_\_\_ **Dumpsters:** Keep covered and remove any water inside or underneath them
  
- \_\_\_ **Faucets and hoses:** Fix any leaks
  
- \_\_\_ **Flat roofs:** Inspect for puddles after it rains
  
- \_\_\_ **Irrigation:** Do not over water, and repair areas with standing water
  
- \_\_\_ **Lawn ornaments:** Check for areas that hold water
  
- \_\_\_ **Machinery:** Cover and clean any areas that may hold water
  
- \_\_\_ **Playground:** Drill drainage holes in tire swings and playground equipment that holds water
  
- \_\_\_ **Pools/spas:** Drain, cover, or stock mosquito fish in unused pools and spas
  
- \_\_\_ **Potted Plants:** Do not over water and empty saucers weekly
  
- \_\_\_ **Rain gutters:** Clean out debris so water flows freely
  
- \_\_\_ **Tires:** Dispose or drill holes for water drainage
  
- \_\_\_ **Tool sheds:** Eliminate water around foundation
  
- \_\_\_ **Trash cans:** Clean weekly and keep covered
  
- \_\_\_ **Unused pipes:** Store flat so no water collects
  
- \_\_\_ **Water troughs for animals:** Replace water weekly, stock with mosquito fish for larger animal troughs
  
- \_\_\_ **Wheelbarrows:** Store upright so water does not collect

### **Protect yourself from mosquitoes**

- \_\_\_ **Clothing:** Wear long sleeved shirts and long pants when around active mosquito areas
  
- \_\_\_ **Dawn/Dusk:** Avoid going outdoors if possible because mosquitoes are most active during this time of day
  
- \_\_\_ **DEET:** Apply insect repellent to exposed skin when mosquitoes are active
  
- \_\_\_ **Screens:** Install or repair tight-fitting window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside
  
- \_\_\_ **Shrubs:** Trim and thin shrubs and bushy plants where mosquitoes tend to hide
  
- \_\_\_ **Dead birds:** Report dead birds within 24 hours to (888) 551-INFO (4636)

