

# MOSQUITO FACTS



1. Mosquitoes need water to breed. They don't lay their eggs in the air or on the ground. They lay them in water. **DUMP ALL STANDING WATER.**
2. It only takes a small amount of standing water for mosquitoes to breed.
3. Infected mosquitoes transmit West Nile virus to people after feeding on infected birds.
4. Birds don't transmit West Nile virus to people. **MOSQUITOES DO.**
5. Larvicides kill immature mosquitoes before they become adults.
  - ✓ Larvicides are applied directly to water sources that hold mosquito eggs or larvae.
  - ✓ When used well, larvicides can help to reduce the overall mosquito burden by limiting the number of new mosquitoes that are produced.
6. Adulticides are products used to kill adult mosquitoes.
  - ✓ Adulticides can be applied from hand-held sprayers, truck-mounted sprayers or using airplanes.
  - ✓ Adulticides, when used well, can have an immediate impact to reduce the number of adult mosquitoes in an area, with the goal of reducing the number of mosquitoes that can bite people and possibly transmit West Nile virus.

