

ALERT

PRECAUTION CONTINUES TO BE THE WORD UNTIL THE FIRST FROST

WEST NILE VIRUS

Several cases of WEST NILE VIRUS have been report in Michigan – one in Wayne County. Therefore, you should continue to use precaution and follow these general rules until the first frost:

- Reduce your outdoor activities during peak mosquito activity from dusk to dawn.
- If you are outside during peak mosquito time wear long sleeve shirts, pants and socks and spray clothing and exposed skin with an insect repellent that contains DEET (N,N-diethyl-methyl-meta-tolumide) or Picaridin (KBR 3023). Remember that it should be used only according to the manufacture's directions.
- Provide screening (16-18 mesh) on all outside openings (doors, windows, etc.).
- Remove any standing, stagnant water, the breeding ground for mosquitoes, from around your home. Turn over buckets, toys, etc. that can fill with water. Clean your birdbaths and gutters frequently.

For additional information contact:

Wayne County Environmental Health Dept. Hotline 734-727-7445

www.waynecounty.com

State of Michigan

248-356-1701

<http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases/0,1607,7-186-25805---,00.html>

United States Center for Disease Control

www.cdc.gov

Charter Township of Plymouth

734-453-8131 ext. 33

www.plymouthtp.org

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A DEAD BIRD

It is recommended that you use gloves or turn a plastic bag inside out, scoop up the bird with the bag. Double bag the dead bird and place in your normal trash. Please report any dead birds to the Division of Public Services at 734-453-8131 ext. 33.

Click here for additional information on West Nile (use same link as before)