

**WEST NILE VIRUS**  
**Property Owner's Checklist for Reducing Mosquito Breeding Areas**

- Remove or overturn containers capable of holding water (for example, tires, urns, buckets, wheelbarrows, etc.).
- Ensure that roof gutters are clear of debris.
- Drill holes in bottom of recycling and trash containers to allow water to drain.
- Sweep away puddles that last more than five days.
- Fill in holes, ditches or trenches in the ground.
- Re-grade or repave roads, paths and/or walkways to avoid water accumulating for more than a week.
- Redesign and/or repair inadequate drainage systems.
- Aerate ponds and ornamental pools, or contact the Ministry of Natural Resources about information on mosquito eating fish.
- Keep swimming pools circulating and properly disinfected; remove stagnant water from pool covers.
- Have licensed applicators apply larvicide to catch basins and permanent standing water on your property, as necessary. Larvicide can only be applied by an exterminator with a mosquito/biting fly license who has secured the appropriate permit from the Ministry of Environment. If the Ministry of Environment requires a letter from the Medical Officer of Health in order to grant a permit, please call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.
- Larvicide products containing Bti are available in stores and can be used as an alternative to hiring a licensed exterminator in specific circumstances. Please read product label and follow the manufacturers' directions.
- Advise employees on occupational health and safety protocols and provide personal protective equipment and insect repellent as necessary. There is an obligation for employers to protect their workers from exposure to West Nile Virus. For more information please contact the Ministry of Labour.

For more information about WNV and the Region of Peel's Vector-Borne Disease Prevention Plan, call

**905-799-7700**  
**from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday**  
**Caledon residents call toll-free at 905-584-2216.**

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