

Steps you can take to reduce your risk of getting West Nile Virus . . .



Apply Insect Repellent!

Apply repellent to exposed skin and clothing when you go outdoors. Use an EPA-registered insect repellent such as those containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD) products, and 2-undecanone.

Go to:

<http://watertownsd.us/applyrepellent>

This website provides information on when and how to apply repellent.

Cover Up!

Wear long sleeve shirts, long pants, and socks sprayed with repellent while outdoors.

Avoid Mosquitoes!

Many mosquitoes bite between dusk and dawn. Limit your time outdoors during these hours.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact:

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Main Components of the City of Watertown West Nile Virus Control Program

Larviciding

Larviciding is a method of controlling the mosquito population while they are in the water-borne larvae stage before they develop into annoying flying mosquitoes. An organic larvicide containing a naturally-occurring, spore-forming bacterium is applied to mosquito breeding areas on public property and to all storm drains throughout the mosquito season. It is toxic to mosquito larva upon ingestion but harmless to people and animals.



Trapping/Adulticiding

Adulticiding is the spraying of neighborhoods with a pesticide designed to kill adult mosquitoes. Adulticide is sprayed in areas of the city when mosquito traps indicate significant populations of specific mosquito species that are likely to carry West Nile virus. Public service announcements are provided at <http://watertownsd.us/mosquitoalert> and to the local radio stations prior to the spraying of adulticide to give the public advanced notice of the areas being sprayed.