

# **PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF CONWAY**

## **WEST NILE VIRUS AND MOSQUITO CONTROL**

State officials have confirmed the presence of the West Nile Virus in New Hampshire.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services asks for the continued assistance of the public in the reporting of dead birds. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services launched a seven day, twenty-four hour toll-free West Nile Virus informational phone line to assist citizens with concerns and questions, and to receive reports of dead birds. **The toll-free number is 1-866-273-6453.**

### **MOSQUITO CONTROL**

Mosquitoes can carry West Nile Virus and will breed in any standing water that lasts for four days. State health officials urge residents to eliminate mosquito breeding opportunities around their homes by taking the following steps:

- Remove all discarded tires. The used tire has become the most important domestic mosquito producer in this country.
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, or similar water-holding containers.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left out of doors.
- Make sure roof gutters drain properly.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. If not in use, keep empty and covered.
- Drain water from pool covers.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and change water in bird baths at least twice daily.
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The following personal precautions against being bitten by mosquitoes are advised:

- Wear protective clothing such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and socks if outside during evening, nighttime and dawn hours when mosquitoes are most active and likely to bite.
- If outside during evening, nighttime and dawn hours, consider the use of an insect repellent containing 10% or less DEET(N, N-diethyl-methyl-meta-toluamide) for children and no more than 30% DEET for adults, and use according to manufacturer's directions.

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