



LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN GREIG SMITH

It's West Nile Virus Season So Watch Out for Mosquitoes!

Summer is the season for West Nile Virus, so be sure to remove or report standing water and use insect repellent while outdoors in the evening or early morning.

The vast majority of people infected with West Nile Virus, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, never show any symptoms. Some people who are infected experience fever, nausea, vomiting and a rash on the chest and back.

The best ways to prevent West Nile Virus infection are:

- Remove stillstanding water (rainwater in empty swimming pools and old tires, etc.) where mosquitoes breed.
- Make sure your window screens are installed and in good condition.
- Use insect repellent and/or wear long sleeves and pants if you are outdoors at night, dawn or dusk, when mosquitoes are most active.



For more information on West Nile Virus, visit www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/wnv_factsheet.htm.

For questions or to report mosquito problems, call the Health Department's Mosquito Abatement line at (818) 764-2010.