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Burlington County Freeholders Suggest Steps To Prevent Mosquito Related Illness

Important Tips Can Help Prevent the Spread of Disease

Due to the increased amount of rainfall over the past few weeks, the Burlington County Freeholders are asking residents to take precautions and limit mosquito breeding areas around their homes.

“The Mosquito Control Division of Burlington County has been hard at work monitoring and treating areas of mosquito activity, but it is important that each of us do our part to prevent the spread of disease,” said Freeholder Director Joe Donnelly.

These precautions will help protect you against mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE).

Take a close look at your property and be sure to do the following:

- Dispose of water-holding containers, such as ceramic pots, used tires, tire swings;
- Drill holes in bottoms of recycling containers;
- Clean clogged roof gutters;
- Turn over plastic wading pools, wheelbarrows;
- Change water in bird baths on a weekly basis;
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used, including pool covers;
- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water on your property.

In 2012, there were a total of 8 WNV positive birds found in the county. Additionally, 3 birds were confirmed positive for EEE during that same year. To report a dead bird please visit the “how do I” section of the Burlington County Health Department Homepage, www.co.burlington.nj.us/health or call the Health Department at 609-265-5548.

Protect yourself and your family by:

- Minimizing time spent outdoors around dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Being sure door and window screens are tight fitting and in good repair.
- Wearing shoes, socks, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods of time, or when mosquitoes are most active. Clothing should be light colored and made of tightly woven materials that keep mosquitoes away from the skin.
- Using mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors or in an unscreened structure and to protect small babies when outdoors.
- Considering the use of mosquito repellent, according to directions, when it is necessary to be outdoors.

Additional Information on mosquitoes can be accessed on the county web site at <http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/Pages/pages.aspx?cid=392>