

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT



Due to the occurrence of Eastern Equine Encephalitis in this area the public is advised to take these personal precautions:

- Minimize time spent outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Be sure door and window screens are tight fitting and in good repair.
- Wear shoes, socks, long pants and long-sleeved shirts when outdoors when mosquitoes are active. Clothing should be light colored and made of tightly woven materials that keep mosquitoes away from the skin.
- Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors or in an unscreened structure and to protect small babies when outdoors.
- Consider the use of mosquito repellent, according to directions, when it is necessary to be outdoors.
- After returning indoors, wash any treated skin with soap and water.
- Don't let stagnant water collect around your home. Dump out old tires, wheelbarrows, and wading pools. Remind or help neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their properties.

For further information on mosquito-borne illnesses, including West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis, visit the Connecticut Mosquito Management Program's website:

<http://www.portal.ct.gov/mosquito>

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