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**DON'T FORGET -
It's Important to
Report Your Maintenance!**

AVOIDING PROBLEMS WITH MOSQUITOES!

Mosquitoes have always been an annoyance to people. They swarm, buzz, bite, and can make any outdoor outing difficult. Many people are allergic to them, which can make things worse. In certain areas of the world, they are responsible for people contracting malaria and to enter some countries, you must obtain malaria shots. Now, in the United States, these pests are carriers for the West Nile Virus, which can be a deadly disease.

Through the years, there have been many attempts to sell products that control mosquitoes or avoid the results of their pesky bites. Some work, some do not. Now, because of West Nile Virus, many county and health departments authorities are involved and they are conducting more intense and successful spraying measures.

Avoid Mosquitoes

Because of West Nile Virus, It is very important for residents to take measures to avoid mosquitoes. There are several steps you can take. Many relate to water.

- Report any standing water. Water is a habitat and breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- Avoid letting any water accumulate in standing pots, animal dishes, containers, and even items like old tires.

- Report any broken or torn screens. Until repaired, close doors and do not use screens.
- Watch for any dead or dying birds. Report them to the local authorities or the health department. Do not pick birds up with your bare hands.
- Avoid the outdoors when mosquitoes are prominent, particularly during dawn, dusk, and early evening, when mosquitoes are at their peak.
- If you are outdoors, apply insect repellent containing DEET.
- Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks. Mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing, so spraying clothes with repellent containing DEET will give extra protection. **Warning:** do not apply repellents containing "permethrin" directly to your skin. Do not spray repellent containing DEET on the skin under your clothing.

Learn More on WNV

At this time, a vaccine for West Nile Virus is not available, although they are working on one. Therefore, the best course is to avoid mosquitoes as previously outlined in this article.

Anyone who is in the area of West Nile Virus is at risk, but those over 50 have the highest risk. The majority of people who do come in

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Report Your Maintenance On The Internet!

Did You Know?

Did you know that you could report your maintenance on our updated Web Site? It's easy, just go to www.worthross.com and choose Resident Information, and then, Maintenance Form. Just fill in each item, tabbing from one to another, and send. We will send a confirmation e-mail to you.

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contact with the virus are not infected, but it can be serious, leading to more serious problems, such as encephalitis, meningitis, and even death.

It is important to be informed regarding West Nile Virus - find out what symptoms can occur and what to do. There is not enough room to list more information in this article, but here are two good websites that can tell you much more.

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/west-nile-virus>
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/q&a.htm>

Take precautions with mosquitoes whenever possible for your safety and for everyone in your residence.

Late Summer Maintenance Tips

Fall is coming soon, but there is still time to take care of any necessary Summer maintenance around your home.

- Avoid fire danger by cleaning up any debris around your home. Dispose of debris properly.
- Clean out your garbage receptacles to avoid unwanted pests and to deodorize.
- Clean and weed flowerbeds; trim shrubberies; mow lawns; check irrigation systems.
- Check your smoke detector and replace the batteries; then, test your smoke alarm. If the batteries do not work, notify us immediately.

Have a Safe & Enjoyable Labor Day Weekend