

## **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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