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**Oklahoma City-County Health Confirms Two Positive West Nile Virus
Mosquito Samples**

Oklahoma City, Okla. – [Oklahoma City-County Health Department](#) (OCCHD) experts confirm two positive mosquito samples to be carrying the West Nile Virus (WNV) this week in Oklahoma County.

OCCHD Public Health Protection Director Phil Maytubby said, “Residents need to eliminate any sources of stagnant water and always wear repellent containing DEET.”

How to get rid of mosquito habitats? Empty buckets, flower pots, old tires from holding water. Refill birdbaths and outdoor pet bowls daily. For standing water that cannot be drained, use microbial larvicides known as “dunks” that kill mosquito larvae before they emerge as adults. They are available at hardware

or home improvement stores.

Use 3-D's and a "P" of mosquito safety:

- 1. DRAIN standing water on your property so mosquitoes won't breed**
- 2. Use DEET repellent on your clothes**
- 3. DRESS in long sleeves and pants**
- 4. PROTECT – limit outside exposure and check window screens**

West Nile symptoms include fever, headache, body ache, and sometimes a rash. The most susceptible are infants, the elderly and those with weakened immune systems. If symptoms are severe, please contact your doctor immediately. One constant is that West Nile Virus can be debilitating and deadly.

For more information, please visit <https://www.occhd.org/eng/consumer-protection/mosquito-control> or click the icons below to follow us on social media.

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