

MOSQUITO SAFETY QUICK FACTS

You may never be diagnosed with a mosquito-borne disease. You may never know anybody else that gets one. You can still stay safe and protect the rest of your community at the same time. Always wear repellent to make sure you stay healthy. Take steps to keep mosquitos from breeding so you can help to keep the mosquito population down.

FACT:

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**species of
mosquitos
In Massachusetts
carry a disease**

WHEN:



**Mosquitos can bite
at any time
day or night**

TIME:

7

**days for
eggs to
emerge as
adults**

STAY SAFE:



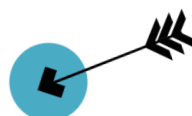
**Essential oil repellants
are natural alternatives
free of DEET**

HABITAT:



**Mosquitos live
worldwide
in any habitat with water**

REPELLANT:



**Aerial sprays target
mosquito life cycles
in each stage of life**

**WEST NILE
VIRUS:**



**1 out of 150
WNV infections
become serious**



**USE
INSECT REPELLANT
IF YOU
GO OUTDOORS**

Because different mosquito species feed at different times of day, it is not only at dusk that you need to use repellent. Repellent should be used any time you participate in outdoor activities. Essential oils can be used as a natural repellent, or DEET can be used to repel both mosquitos and ticks. For added protection, use citronella products on your deck or lawn to help deter mosquitos.

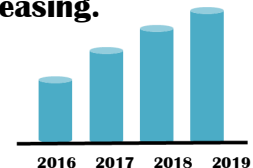


**DON'T LEAVE
STANDING
WATER!**

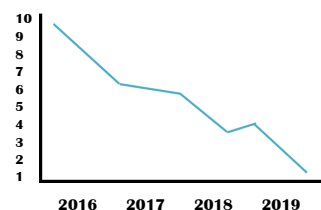
An important thing to remember when trying to prevent mosquito bites and disease is that ANY standing water is an invitation for mosquitos to breed! It only takes a week for eggs to develop into adults that will fly off looking for a bite! After each rainfall, walk around your property to see where there is still water and then make the necessary modifications so that there won't be standing water after the next rain.

TIMELINES:

**Reported cases of WNV and
EEE have been steadily
increasing.**



**Aerial sprays by Norfolk
County will decrease the
overall mosquito
populations, thus reducing
disease transmitted by
mosquitos.**



For additional information, visit the Town of Avon's website on Mosquitos and Ticks:
<https://www.avon-ma.gov/board-health/pages/mosquito-tick-information>



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