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DEFEND YOURSELF AGAINST WEST NILE VIRUS THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY

STANISLAUS COUNTY - As the Fourth of July approaches, both East Side and Turlock Mosquito Abatement Districts encourage the citizens of Stanislaus County to continue their efforts with WNV prevention. As of June 22, 2015, WNV has been detected in 23 California counties with the WNV activity confirmed in 77 dead birds, 119 mosquito samples, and one sentinel chicken. No human cases have been reported to date. Stanislaus County has four positive dead birds in the city of Modesto.

“Mosquitoes continue to be a nuisance and vector of West Nile Virus here in Stanislaus County. Fireworks won’t be the only thing exploding this 4th of July. As temperatures continue to rise, so will mosquito populations,” says District Manager Lloyd Douglass. Both Districts continue to monitor and treat mosquito breeding sources. Backyard sources like neglected swimming pools and ornamental ponds remain a large concern. The Districts are using aerial photography to assist in locating potential mosquito breeding sites.

This year at the Stanislaus County Fair an informational booth will be staffed by both Mosquito Abatement Districts. The districts encourage citizens to visit the booth, meet their mosquito control technicians, as well as learn steps they can take to protect themselves against mosquito bites and West Nile Virus.

To report mosquito-breeding problem areas, Stanislaus County residents should contact one of the two Mosquito Abatement Districts that serve the county. For Stanislaus County addresses north of the Tuolumne River, residents should call the Eastside Mosquito Abatement District at 522-4098 (www.eastsidemosquito.com) and all others should contact the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District at 634-1234 (turlockmosquito.org).

For more information, visit the Stanislaus County Emergency website (www.stanemergency.com) for WNV information.

Are You Helping to Prevent Mosquitoes and West Nile Virus?
Try the Prevention Checklist.

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Protecting yourself & family:

- Wear long sleeves & pants when outside in the early morning & late afternoon?
- Wear mosquito repellants when outside?
- Call your local mosquito abatement district when you have mosquitoes?
- Know when to reapply mosquito repellent?

Defending your home:

- Dump out standing water around your house?
- Keep your pool clean & clear?
- Get free mosquito fish for your large water sources?
- Prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs in rain barrels?
- Keep mosquitoes outside by having tight fitting screens on your house?
- Repair any water leaks around your home?
- Remove low spots in your yard that pond with water?

Caring for your neighborhood:

- Report birds that recently died (hotline: (877) 968-2473)?
- Contact your district about neglected pools or other sources?

Checklist Results:

- Green:** You check marked all the boxes that apply to you. You regularly complete the items on the checklist.
Way to Go! You know how to prevent mosquitoes and West Nile Virus!
- Yellow:** You missed 2 to 3 of the check list activities. You do not regularly complete the activities to prevent mosquitoes.
Warning, you are at moderate risk for mosquito bites and West Nile Virus.
- Red:** You are not completing 4 or more of the items on the check list.
Danger! You are at a higher risk for mosquito bites and getting West Nile Virus.