

CLARENDON BLACKHAWK MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
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West Nile Virus (WNV) levels within the adult mosquito population have reached extremely high levels throughout the western suburbs where transmission to humans is imminent. The species of mosquito involved in WNV transmission is a passive mosquito, and not an aggressive biter with its presence often going undetected. People assume that if mosquitoes are not biting then precautionary measures are not necessary.

With the upcoming holiday weekend, residents are encouraged to use a common sense approach in avoiding exposure to adult mosquitoes and any potential mosquito borne diseases. If possible, avoid outdoor activities around dusk. If not possible, wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long sleeved shirt. Loose fitting, light colored clothing is best. Appropriate use of insect repellents per manufacturer's instructions is recommended.

Residents should look for potential mosquito breeding sources around the home. Any item that can hold water can be a potential breeding source for the mosquito involved in WNV transmission. Water in bird baths, wading pools, etc. should be changed at least once a week. Screens on rain barrels need to remain in place to prevent adult mosquitoes from depositing eggs on the water's surface.

The Clarendon Blackhawk Mosquito Abatement District, the agency responsible for mosquito control activities within the Village, has maintained an aggressive effort to control mosquito development while in their larval stage of development. Larval control operations have been ongoing since early May, and will be continuing into October. In response to the elevated WNV levels in the area, the District will be utilizing contingency adult mosquito control measures (weather permitting) on **Thursday night August 30 between the hours of 9:00pm - 12:30am** to reduce the potential viral transmission cycle. Anvil, a sumithrin based insecticide, will be utilized.