

MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

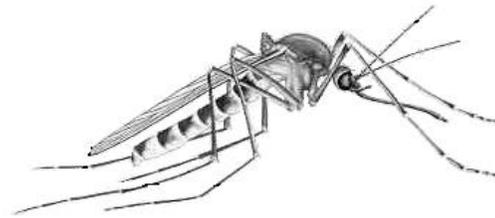
West Nile Virus and **Eastern Encephalitis** are mosquito-borne diseases that can afflict residents of Massachusetts. Other mosquito-borne illnesses such as malaria and dengue fever are rare in this area at this time. The biology of these diseases is very complex, but one basic fact has emerged: if you reduce your exposure to adult mosquitoes you reduce the potential for infection. Remember to check your window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home. Avoid areas of high mosquito concentrations during dusk and dawn. Use repellents as needed, and please follow the label directions. Report problem areas to the CMMCP office. Please check our website at www.cmmcp.org for more information about mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases.

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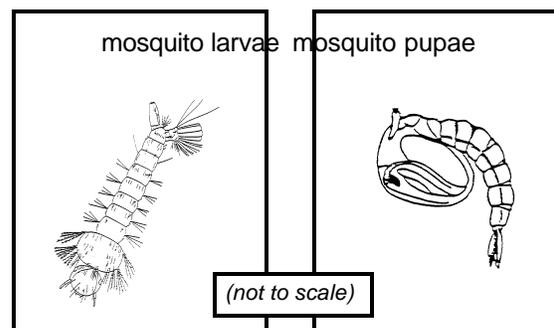
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Did you know:

- ◆ All mosquitoes need *still* water to complete their life cycle.
- ◆ Only *females* bite people, to get the protein from the blood to produce their eggs.
- ◆ The 100+ eggs the female deposits each time can develop and hatch in as little as a week, or remain for *a year* or more until water floods the area.
- ◆ Although capable of transmitting several diseases, AIDS *is not* one of them.
- ◆ Mosquitoes can transmit heartworm to dogs. Talk to your veterinarian about prevention and treatment.
- ◆ The flight range from their breeding source varies with the species, from 1,000 feet to over *25 miles*.
- ◆ Adult mosquitoes are harder to control. Prevention is the best method. Call us early in the springtime for a survey of your area if you have wetlands nearby.

Have you ever seen these in a container of water in your



If you have, you may be breeding mosquitoes in your *own backyard!*

How to avoid producing your own mosquitoes:

- ◆ eliminate all standing water in containers in your yard.
- ◆ cover recycling bins, flatten or punch holes in cans & containers.
- ◆ dispose of or cover old tires.
- ◆ frequently change water in bird baths & pet dishes.
- ◆ stock ornamental pools with fish.
- ◆ keep buckets, barrels, tubs & toys turned upside down or covered.

Remember...mosquitoes need ***still water*** in order to develop.

Help us to break the breeding cycle of mosquitoes!