

Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Program

Blair County Emergency
Management



OUR PURPOSE

The Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Program aims to reduce the transmission of West Nile virus (WNV) by establishing a mosquito monitoring and collection program. The program is managed through the PA Department of Environmental Protection and is administered at the local level by Blair County Emergency Management Agency.

West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne disease that can cause brain inflammation, known as encephalitis. However, most people that become infected with WNV do not show any symptoms. The virus is transmitted through the bite of an infected female mosquito. Mosquitoes contract the virus when they bite or take a blood meal from birds that are infected with the virus. Those infected mosquitoes can then transmit the virus to humans, animals, and other birds when taking another blood meal. It is important to know that WNV cannot be spread through person-to-person contact.

From 2023-2025, the following species have been collected in Blair County:

Aedes albopictus, *Aedes cinereus*, *Aedes vexans*, *Aedes altropalpus*, *Aedes canadensis*, *Aedes japonicus*, *Aedes triseriatus*, *Aedes trivittatus*, *Aedes sticticus*, *Aedes stimulans*, *Anopheles barberi*, *Anopheles punctipennis*, *Anopheles quadrimaculatus s.l.*, *Anopheles walkeri*, *Coquillettidia perturbans*, *Culex erraticus*, *Culex pipiens*, *Culex restuans*, *Culex salinarius*, *Culex territans*, *Psorophora ferox*, *Psorophora columbiae*, *Toxorynchites rutilus septentrionalis*, *Uranotaenia sapphirina*.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Get rid of items that collect water

- Old tires, tin cans, buckets, and flowerpots.
- Corrugated downspout extensions.

Keep puddles from forming

- Fill in ruts in low-lying areas.
- Repair leaking pipes or outdoor faucets.
- Clear drains and gutters of debris.
- Eliminate low spots that may collect water on pool covers, grill covers, and tarps.

Stop stagnant water

- Change or empty the water in bird baths and kiddie pools.
- Cover trash containers and recycling bins.
- Empty drip trays for planters.
- Fill in tree holes and stumps.

In addition, do not forget to keep grass cut short and bushes trimmed to reduce daytime resting areas for mosquitoes.

Contact Us!

COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS

Please call Blair County Emergency Management Agency at (814)-940-5901 or email EMA@blaircountypa.gov Or visit PA DEP's website to file a complaint.

STAY UP TO DATE

Visit PA DEP's website to stay up to date on current West Nile virus information. Visit our website by scanning the QR code!

