

West Nile Virus in the Fraser Valley Regional District: A Quick Reference

Be Mosquito Smart:

Since mosquitoes require water to complete their development, removing any sources of standing water will reduce the amount of places mosquitoes can live. Dump out any tires, wheelbarrows, buckets or children's toys and change water in wading pools or bird baths weekly. Even blocked gutters and rain pipes can produce mosquitoes, so make sure these are cleared and flowing freely.

Be sure to keep lawns, bushes and gardens well trimmed so as not to give mosquitoes places to rest during the hottest part of the day.

Symptoms of West Nile virus:

- Fever
- Muscle weakness
- Stiff neck
- Confusion
- Severe headache
- Sudden sensitivity to light.

If you or someone in your family experiences these symptoms, visit your doctor to determine the cause.

Dead Bird Reporting:

The FHA and BCCDC encourage the residents of the FVRD to report any dead **corvids** they may find in their neighborhoods and on their properties. For more information on how to identify corvids, see the BCCDC's bird reporting page online. If it is obvious the bird was killed by being hit by a car, killed by another animal or another easily determined cause, it is not necessary to report that bird's death. Otherwise, please either phone or use the online reporting process to alert the proper organizations.

On the Web:

BC Centres for Disease Control (BCCDC):	www.bccdc.org
Bird Reporting Online:	www.bccdc.org/content.php?item=182
Fraser Health Authority (FHA)	www.fraserhealth.ca
Fraser Valley Regional District	www.fvrd.com

On the Phone:

Dead Bird Reporting (FHA):	1-888-WNV-LINE
Mosquito Control (Morrow Bioscience Ltd.):	1-888-733-2333
To report a mosquito development site in your neighborhood:	1-888-733-2333



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