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|  WEST NILE VIRUS (WNV) PRECAUTIONS  | NO.  |
| It is the policy of Winning Wheels that the following precautions will be observed to prevent West Nile Virus, particularly where residents have the opportunity to be outdoors during peak risk periods (August – September 15).* Avoid having residents outdoors in places and times when mosquitoes bite. Generally, peak biting periods for the type of mosquitoes capable of transmitting WNV occur just before and after sunset and just before dawn.
* Assure doors and windows, patio and porch screens are tight fitting and in good repair.
* Assure residents wear long-sleeved tops, long pants socks and shoes and clothing made of tightly woven materials to keep mosquitoes away from the skin. Light colored clothing is best.
* Eliminate stagnant water in bird baths, ponds, flower pots/trays/saucers, water fountains and water features and get rid of tires, buckets or other receptacles that could serve to contain water where mosquitoes might breed.
* Check clogged gutters and flat roofs that may have poor drainage.
* Make sure cisterns, cesspools, septic tanks, rain barrels and trash containers are covered tightly with a lid or with 16-mesh screen.
* Level the ground around the facility so water can run off and not collect in low spots. Fill in holes or depressions near the building that accumulate water.
* Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water.
* Stock ornamental water gardens with fish (e.g., minnows, “mosquito fish” or goldfish) that eat mosquito larvae.
* As necessary, treat small pools of water with “Bti,” a bacterial insecticide.
* Keep weeds and grass cut short; adult mosquitoes look for these shady places to rest during the hot daylight hours.
* Insect repellants containing DEET may be used sparingly if persons will be out-of-doors around dusk and dawn.
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