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## Locations of Neglected Swimming Pools



Depressed housing markets and foreclosures have led to many neglected swimming pools in California.

- ☞ Pools that are not maintained grow algae and bacteria.
- ☞ Mosquitoes lay their eggs in neglected pools. These eggs hatch into larvae that become adult mosquitoes.
- ☞ Mosquitoes from neglected pools can transmit WNV once they feed on an infected bird.
- ☞ These WNV-infected mosquitoes can bite **you** and infect **you** with WNV!

What do I do if someone I know has a neglected pool?

- ☞ Locate the mosquito control agency in your area by visiting: [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov) or calling 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473).
- ☞ Contact your local mosquito control agency about the best course of action.

What can the local mosquito control agency do?

The mosquito control agency can do the following:

- ☞ Work with realtor or property owner if necessary;
- ☞ Place mosquito fish in the pool to eat the mosquito larvae;
- ☞ Put a product in the pool that inhibits or kills the larvae;
- ☞ Help you decide how to manage the pool, if you own the pool, so no more mosquitoes are produced.
- ☞ These actions stop mosquito production, but the pool water remains dark or brackish until it is properly maintained.

What if there is not a local mosquito control agency in my area?

You can take a few simple actions to prevent mosquito production in your pool:

- ☞ Contact your city government;
- ☞ Use mosquito control slow-release products available at the local garden center or hardware store.

For more information

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