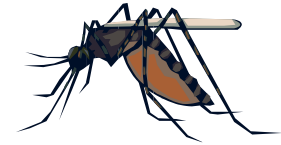


# FIGHT THE BITE

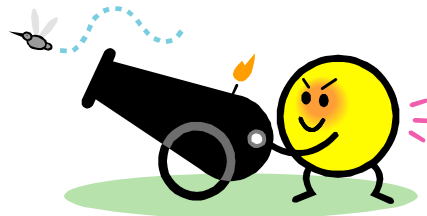


## *Mosquito Control*

Summer is almost here and so are the mosquitoes!!!!

West Nile virus can infect humans, birds, mosquitoes, horses and some mammals. It is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito, usually the Culex mosquito. These mosquitoes pick up the virus when they feed on infected birds. The virus is then transmitted to animals and humans when bitten by the mosquito.

Culex mosquitoes are most active in Oklahoma from July through October. Later this summer as the Culex mosquitoes become active, persons are advised to apply a DEET based mosquito repellent to their exposed skin and clothing. DEET contains the chemical N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide, which repels the mosquito, making the person unattractive for feeding.



### **Things you can do to FIGHT THE MOSQUITO BITE**

- Take a very hard look at areas around the outside of your home that could breed mosquitoes.
- Drain outside items that hold water (tires, cans, etc.)
- Cover wading pools, boats and rain barrels when not in use
- Keep rain gutters clean
- Don't over water plants and lawns
- Change water in pet bowls and birdbaths often (at least weekly)
- Look for breeding areas in your neighborhood, such as abandoned pools; drainage ditches holding water, or other items that will hold water. Report these problem areas so they can be corrected, drained, or treated for mosquitoes.