



BOUNTIFUL BEDS: Fuelled by all of the recent rain and the hard work of many volunteers, the Acton Community Garden, off Main Street North at Rotary Park, is thriving. - Ted Tyler photo

First West Nile Virus mosquitoes in Halton

A batch of mosquitoes trapped last week in Milton has tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV) – the first batch of WNV positive mosquitoes for Halton this year.

“This is the time of year we start to see positive lab results for West Nile virus,” said Dr. Hamidah Meghani, Halton’s Medical Officer of Health in a press release issued Monday. “Halton residents should protect themselves against mosquito bites and get rid of mosquito breeding sites now and until the West Nile virus season winds

down in the fall.”

Urban areas are more likely to have mosquitoes that carry WNV. The types of mosquitoes that transmit WNV to humans most commonly breed in urban areas in items that hold water such as bird baths, plant pots, old toys, and tires.

Residents can protect themselves and their families from mosquitoes: with these tips:

- Cover up. Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and pants with tightly-woven fabric.
- Avoid being outdoors from early evening to morning when mosqui-

toes are most active and likely to bite, as well as at any time in shady, wooded areas.

- Reduce mosquito breeding sites around your home by getting rid of all water-filled containers and objects. Change the water in bird baths at least once per week.
- Use an approved insect repellent, such as one containing DEET.
- Make sure your window

and door screens are tight and without holes, cuts or other openings.

A map showing the locations of standing water sites that have had larvicide applied is available on the Health Department’s website at halton.ca/wnv

To report standing water or for more information about West Nile virus, dial 311, toll free 1-866-442-5866, or e-mail wnv@halton.ca

FIRE REPORT

CAN’T STAND THE HEAT...

Heat and cooking smells set off an alarm at a residence in the Queen Street/Tanners Drive area at 6:11 p.m. on July 20. Acton firefighters checked out the house and reset the alarm.

BURN COMPLAINT

A homeowner on the 32 Side Road/Morgan Drive area was allowed to con-

tinue burning a small, contained fire at the rear of his property, despite a smoke complaint at 11:48 last Saturday morning.

MILTON HELP

Acton firefighters were greeted by a fully involved garage fire at an abandoned house on the Nassagaweya/Esquesing Townline at 5:14 p.m., July 15. Staff fought the fire and turned the scene over to the Milton Fire Department.

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