

# Batches of mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus in Halton

A batch of mosquitoes in Burlington, and another five batches of the pesky bug in Oakville, tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV) Aug. 5.

Officials report this is the first batch of WNV-positive mosquitoes reported in Burlington this year, bringing the total of WNV-positive mosquitoes batches in Halton this year to seven.

It follows the July 21 report of the first batch of mosquitoes to test positive in Oakville this summer.

"Halton is committed to being safe and healthy and reducing West Nile virus in our communities through both education and preventative programs like larviciding," stated Dr. Hamidah Meghani, Halton Region Medical Officer of Health, in a media release.

"Until the hard frosts of fall set in, Halton residents should continue to protect themselves against mosquito bites and remove mosquito breeding sites."

Urban areas are more likely to have mosquitoes that carry WNV, according to Halton Region's Health Department.

The types of mosquitoes that transmit WNV to humans most commonly breed in urban areas in places that hold water such as bird baths, plant pots, old toys, and tires. To help protect themselves and their families from mosquitoes, residents should:

- Cover up. Wear light-coloured,

long-sleeved shirts and pants with tightly-woven fabric

- Avoid being outdoors from early evening to morning when mosquitoes 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, where possible. Change the water in bird baths at least once per week

- Use an insect repellent, such as one containing DEET or Icaridin

- Make sure your window and door screens are tight and without holes, cuts or other openings

To see a map showing the locations of standing water sites that have had larvicide applied this year, visit [halton.ca/wnv](http://halton.ca/wnv).

To report standing water at public facilities or for more on West Nile virus, please visit [halton.ca/wnv](http://halton.ca/wnv), dial 311 or e-mail [wnv@halton.ca](mailto:wnv@halton.ca).

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