

BE AWARE... 'CAUSE IT'S RARE...



FIGHT EEE!!!

The time of year is now upon us... the time when we must protect our loved ones from the deadly Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus. The **Maggie Sue Glenister Wilcox Family** is providing this information to encourage you to take the precautions necessary this spring, summer and fall...

DO spray insect repellent containing the ingredients DEET, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus or Picaridan on all exposed skin while spending any time out of doors.*

DO wear long sleeves, long pants and socks if outside during dawn and dusk hours when the mosquito population is likely the greatest.**

DO treat ponds and marshy or swampy areas on your property with larvacide to help control the population of mosquitoes. Larvacide dunks for residential use are available at Lowe's and Tractor Supply Co. You can also obtain mosquito repellent for your yard in granular form from Dr. T's Nature Products (drtsnatureproducts.com). If you see standing water along the roadways near your home, contact your local, county or state authority and request assistance in either draining the standing water or treating it with a larvacide dunk.

DO frequently empty all standing water containers that are in and around your home where mosquitoes are likely to lay eggs such as pet water sources, clogged roof line gutters, plant containers and pots, bird baths, old rubber tires and unused children's swimming pools. Rain barrels should be treated with a larvacide dunk. Larger ponds and swimming pools should be aerated.

DO install or repair any and all window and door screens making sure that they snugly fit the areas for which they are intended.

DO NOT assume that you, your family or your friends are not at risk. Help our community spend hours of fun outside this season by helping to control the mosquito population instead of spending hours attending a funeral!!!

* Insect repellent may be applied to exposed skin of children as young as two months of age. There are various lotions, sprays, creams and wipes available for this purpose. Repellents containing **PERMETHRIN** can be applied directly to your clothing, but do not apply permethrin to exposed skin or underneath clothing or in combination with other repellents. **ALWAYS** read the manufacturer's use and warning labels when applying any type of insect repellents; making sure to use only as directed.

** Do not make the mistake of thinking that the mosquitoes are only feeding during early morning or dusk hours, however. The Asian Tiger Mosquito is aggressive and **feeds mainly during the day**.

For more information on what you can do to protect your loved ones, please contact: donnawilcox41@gmail.com; ritchie@nysenate.gov; <http://www.co.oswego.ny.us/health/contact.html>; BarclaW@assembly.state.ny.us; www.cdc.gov.