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FIGHT THE BITE!

Protect Yourself and Your Family from EEE

An Important Message from Senator Patty Ritchie and the the Oswego County Health Department.

HELP SENATOR PATTY RITCHIE FIGHT THE BITE FREE Tire Recycling Event

Clean up your yard and help fight mosquitoes and EEE

-  Free disposal of up to eight car tires
-  \$5 fee for each additional tire
-  Open to Oswego County residents only
-  20,000 tires collected over two years
-  Paid for through a special state grant from Senator Patty Ritchie
-  Electronic waste (used TVs, computers, radios) also will be accepted free of charge

Next waste tire collection event

Sat., August 15

8 am to Noon

At the County Transfer Stations

Bristol Hill/Fulton

3125 NYS Rt. 3

Hannibal

1167 County Rt. 7

Hastings

1391 US Rt. 11

Pulaski

100 County Rt. 2A

Oswego

700 E. Seneca St.

Oswego County Solid Waste:
 591-9200 • Frank Visser, Director



STAY SAFE FROM EEE

What is EEE?

Eastern Equine Encephalitis is a rare but serious viral disease spread by mosquitoes. There are 5-10 human cases in the US annually.

Who is at risk?

Everyone - but people over 50, and under 15, are at greatest risk of serious infection.

Is there a vaccine for EEE?

No. But Senator Ritchie has sponsored legislation to help develop a human vaccine.

What are the symptoms?

Severe cases begin with a sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills and vomiting. Seek immediate medical help.

When do symptoms occur?

4-10 days after a bite from an infected mosquito.



Special Information for Horse Owners

EEE can infect humans, but it is much more common in horses, and has resulted in deaths of dozens of horses in Central New York in recent years. While there is not yet a human vaccine for EEE, there is for horses. Ask your veterinarian about the EEE vaccine for your horses.



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TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM EEE



From Senator Patty Ritchie
and Oswego County

"EEE is one of the most severe mosquito-transmitted diseases."

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The best protection from EEE is to keep mosquitoes from biting you.

EEE is a virus spread by mosquitoes that, while rare, is almost always fatal to humans. There is no human vaccine to prevent EEE, so the best way to stop it is to protect yourself from disease-carrying mosquitoes.



Use insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
Always follow all directions and precautions on the product label.



Fix your screens.
Mosquitoes can enter your home through rips and tears in screens and open windows.



Wear long-sleeves and pants.
Mosquitoes can bite through thin clothing. Spraying repellent on clothes can help.



Drain standing water.
Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water in flower pots, buckets, bird baths, clogged gutters and yard debris.



Be aware of peak mosquito hours.
Dusk to dawn are peak biting hours, but some mosquitoes bite all day. Consider staying indoors when mosquitoes are most active.

Thank you, Senator Ritchie, for making sure that our 'Moo' didn't die without something positive for Oswego County coming as a result.

*Donna Wilcox
Aunt of EEE Victim Maggie Sue Wilcox*

SENATOR PATTY RITCHIE IS WORKING TO STOP EEE

Following the death of 4-year-old Maggie Sue Wilcox from EEE, Senator Ritchie has been leading the effort to raise awareness of the disease and find ways to stop its spread.

-  Secured over a half million dollars in State Budget funding to help Oswego County fight EEE
-  Removed 20,000 mosquito-breeding waste tires from roadsides and backyards over two years with special collection events
-  Provided funding for low-cost vaccine for thousands of horses
-  Launched educational program aimed at school children and families, warning of the dangers of EEE
-  Wrote a new law that's recruiting health experts in the race to find a human vaccine for EEE

