



Your pond might be a perfect mosquito breeding site

Here are some tips to make your pond un-friendly to mosquitoes, but still a safe and peaceful spot.

- Install a bubbler or fountain in your pond to keep the water from being still. Moving water causes the mosquito larvae to drown because they breathe air by attaching themselves to the water's surface.
- Stock ponds with fish that eat mosquito larvae. Fish that commonly eat larvae are minnows and goldfish.
- Report un-tended ponds to your local municipal or county mosquito control agency or realtor if home is vacant.
- Don't put too many aquatic plants together in your pond. Mosquito larvae can hide from fish in dense vegetation.
- Use larvicides (like Mosquito Dunks).



- ◇ **Bti** – A naturally occurring soil bacteria that is toxic when ingested by mosquito larvae but does not harm non-target aquatic animals.
- ◇ **Dunks** — a doughnut shaped block; a common product containing Bti that you can find at the local hardware or garden store.
- ◇ **Pesticides** that contain growth inhibitor (like Methoprene) that kill mosquitoes when they reach the pupae stage

West Nile virus is here to stay. Protect yourself from mosquito bites!

For more information, visit:

Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, (970) 498-6775

<http://www.larimer.org/health/cd/westnile.asp>

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

<http://www.cdph.state.co.us/dc/zoonosis/wnv/>

Fight the Bite Colorado

<http://www.fightthebitecolorado.com/>

Colorado State University Extension, Master Gardener, (970) 498-6000

<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/insect/05526.html>

For information on using repellents, visit:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/RepellentUpdates.htm>

OR

<http://www.larimer.org/health/cd/westnile.asp>

