

Mosquito Control and your Septic Tank



This handout is for residents, landowners, septic pumpers and anyone responsible for septic systems.

Mosquitoes can spread diseases (such as West Nile Virus) and it is important to eliminate stagnant water situations around the home where mosquitoes can breed. Mosquitoes lay eggs in stagnant water, where the larvae (wigglers) develop and emerge into adults within ten days. The type of mosquitoes that breed in septic tanks is the House mosquito, which can easily get into homes.

An incorrectly maintained septic system is the perfect breeding place for mosquitoes.

You can prevent this by:

- . Covering all vents with a mosquito proof mesh;
- . Ensuring covers on inspection openings, septic tank, pump chamber and effluent disposal systems are sealed to prevent mosquitoes from entering.