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# INFORMATION RELEASE

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## **Recent Fall Weather Patterns Provide Perfect Breeding Conditions for Mosquitoes**

**Los Angeles, CA**— West Nile virus activity persists this fall as warmer temperatures follow this week's rainstorm. The weather patterns and influx of new water sources are contributing to a prolonged mosquito breeding season and continued risk for West Nile virus transmission. This week, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has identified an additional 19 WNV positive mosquito samples and 13 West Nile virus (WNV) positive dead birds.

Please refer to the chart below for a breakdown of the 19 WNV positive mosquito samples reported this past week.

<b>City or Community</b>	<b>Zip Code(s)</b>	<b>Number of WNV+ mosquito samples collected</b>
Bellflower	90706	1
Burbank	91502	1
Canyon County	91387	1
Castaic	91384	1
Chatsworth	91311	1
Downey	90242	1
Granada Hills	91344	2
Lakewood	90712	1
Long Beach	90808	1
Newhall	91355	1
Pico Rivera	90660	4
Santa Clarita	91351, 91355	3
Willowbrook	90059	1

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Please refer to the chart below for a breakdown of the 13 WNV positive dead birds reported this past week.

<b>City or Community</b>	<b>Zip Code(s)</b>	<b>Number of WNV+ dead birds collected</b>
Newhall	91321	1
North Hills	91343	1
North Hollywood	91601	1
Norwalk	90650	1
Pico Rivera	90660	1
Santa Clarita	91355, 91351	2
Sherman Oaks	91403	1
Van Nuys	91405, 91411	2
West Hills	91307	1
Winnetka	91306	1
Woodland Hills	91367	1

This brings the District’s total to 162 WNV positive dead birds, 399 WNV positive mosquito samples and 13 sentinel chickens with WNV antibodies so far this year. Statewide, there have been 587 WNV positive dead birds, 1,896 WNV positive mosquito samples, and 252 sentinel chickens showing WNV antibodies. This is the first incidence of West Nile virus in Castaic and Willowbrook in 2011.

With the rainy season upon us, it is critical that residents do everything they can to prevent rainwater from accumulating around their homes. Residents are urged to turn over or discard any unused containers in their backyards such as flower pots and buckets. Lids should be placed on trash cans and debris and leaves removed from rain gutters. Rain barrels need to be cleaned out at least once a week and remain covered by a fine mesh screen to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs on the water surface. Even flowering plants such as bromeliads can collect water and provide a breeding site for mosquitoes. One person’s diligence in maintaining his or her property will help millions of Los Angeles residents stay safe from mosquito-borne illnesses.

Additionally, residents can protect themselves and their families from West Nile virus this fall by following the 3 D’s of West Nile virus prevention:

- 1. Dump/Drain**  
Eliminate standing water on your property because that’s where mosquitoes breed.
- 2. Dusk/Dawn**  
Avoid outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active.
- 3. Defend**  
Wear insect repellent containing EPA-registered ingredients such as DEET, IR3535, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus and long-sleeve shirts and pants when outdoors. Use properly-fitted screens free from tears on windows and doors around your home to keep mosquitoes out.

For more information about West Nile virus and our vector control services, please contact Public Information Officer Crystal Brown at the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562) 944-9656 x511 or visit [www.glacvcd.org](http://www.glacvcd.org). For statewide information and statistics about West Nile virus, or to report a dead bird or squirrel, visit [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov) or call **1-877-WNV-BIRD**.