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## West Nile Virus Positive Mosquitoes Discovered in Lakewood

Two mosquito pools (*a pool is a vial with 10-50 female mosquitoes*) collected in the City of Lakewood by the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVD) were confirmed positive for West Nile virus (WNV) on July 20, 2005 by the California Department of Health Services and the UC Davis arbovirus diagnostic laboratory. The positive mosquitoes were collected in residential areas within zip code 90713 between Candlewood St., Bellflower Blvd., Centralia St., and the San Gabriel River.

District Manager Jack Hazelrigg states, "Although there are no human cases confirmed in Los Angeles County to date, residents still need to take personal protective measures when active outdoors between dawn and dusk to prevent mosquito bites and West Nile virus infection." To help notify the residents about the West Nile virus threat, the District will be posting West Nile virus warning signs in the following Lakewood parks: Jose San Martin, Jose Del Valle, Rynerson, Monteverde, and Mae Boyer Park. The District does not discourage park use, but just warning recreation users to be more cautious of increased virus activity in this area.

Residents can protect themselves and their family by playing an active role in mosquito prevention.

- Mosquitoes breed in standing water. Eliminate standing water on your property by dumping or draining water in neglected swimming pools, ponds, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, or anything holding water for more than a few days. This will stop the mosquito life cycle.
- Wear long-sleeve shirts and pants when outdoors, especially at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are active.
- Use mosquito repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- Keep tight-fitting screens on doors and windows to prevent mosquitoes from entering homes.
- Pick up FREE mosquitofish at your local vector control district for placement in ponds, out-of-order swimming pools, and spas to control mosquitoes.
- Report dead birds by calling 1-877-WNV-BIRD or visit [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov)

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