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West Nile Virus Detected in Mosquitoes Collected in Wallingford

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station has confirmed the presence of West Nile Virus (WNV) in a pool of mosquitoes collected from South Elm Street in Wallingford on July 16, 2025. No human cases have been reported at this time.

The Wallingford Health Department is working closely with state and regional partners to monitor mosquito activity and raise public awareness about mosquito-borne illnesses.

Residents are urged to take the following precautions to reduce the risk of mosquito bites:

- Apply insect repellent with DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- Wear long sleeves and pants during dawn and dusk.
- Remove standing water from yards, gutters, and containers.
- Keep windows and doors closed or ensure screens are intact.

West Nile Virus is transmitted through the bite of infected mosquitoes and can cause flu-like symptoms and, in rare cases, severe neurological illness. Anyone experiencing symptoms should contact their healthcare provider.

For more information about West Nile Virus and ways to protect yourself:

- Visit the **Connecticut Department of Public Health's West Nile Virus page**:
<https://portal.ct.gov/dph/epidemiology-and-emerging-infections/west-nile-virus>
- Learn more from the **CDC**:
<https://www.cdc.gov/westnile>