Mosquito-borne diseases affect millions of people worldwide each year. In the United States, some species of mosquitoes can transmit diseases such as encephalitis, dengue fever, and malaria to humans, and a variety of diseases to wildlife and domestic animals. To combat mosquitoes and the public health hazards they present, many states and localities have established mosquito control programs. These programs, which are based on surveillance, can include nonchemical forms of prevention and control as well as ground and aerial application of chemical and biological pesticides.

The mission of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to protect human health and the environment. EPA reviews and approves pesticides and their labeling to ensure that the pesticides used to protect public health are applied by methods which minimize the risk of human exposure and adverse health and environmental effects. In relation to mosquito control, the Agency also serves as a source of information about pesticide and non-pesticide controls to address the concerns of the general public, news media, and the state and local agencies dealing with outbreaks of infectious diseases or heavy infestations of mosquitoes. The following documents provide some basic information on mosquito control, safety precautions, and information on insecticides used for mosquito control programs.

Note that some documents below are in Adobe PDF format and require the Acrobat reader to view.

- **Joint Statement on Mosquito Control** - EPA & CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- **NPTN's West Nile Resource Guide**
  - Mosquitoes: How to Control Them
  - Using Insect Repellents Safely
  - Questions and Answers: Pesticides and Mosquito Control (20 kb)
  - For Your Information: Larvicides for Mosquito Control (37 kb)
  - Questions and Answers: Malathion for Mosquito Control (19 kb)
  - For Your Information: Naled for Mosquito Control (19 kb)
  - For Your Information: Synthetic Pyrethroids for Mosquito Control (36 kb)
  - Questions and Answers: Malathion Preliminary Risk Assessment (19 k) For more detailed information on this topic, see the [OP Pesticides Documents for Malathion](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/skeeters.htm).
Information on pesticides used in mosquito control can also be obtained from the state agency which regulates pesticides, or from the **National Pesticide Telecommunications Network (NPTN)**. The NPTN web site includes links to all state pesticide regulatory agencies. Toll-free hotline: 1-800-858-7378 (9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST) daily except holidays. Callers outside normal hours can leave a voice mail message, and NPTN returns these calls the next business day. E-mail: nptn@ace.orst.edu web site: http://ace.orst.edu/info/nptn

Information on mosquito control programs can also be obtained from the **American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA)** web site: http://www.mosquito.org This site also lists many county mosquito agencies.

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