

Northern Nevada Public Health – Mosquito Abatement Update

Helicopter Mosquito Abatement Postponed

Due to budget constraints, Northern Nevada Public Health has postponed aerial mosquito treatments by helicopter in 2025. This decision, approved by the District Board of Health, will save approximately \$260,000 in FY25.

What NNPH Is Still Doing:

- Monitoring mosquito populations; testing for diseases like West Nile Virus (WNV).
- Treating small breeding areas as needed.
- Using drones for emergency spot treatments (limited range and duration).

Data: There has been one human case of WNV in Washoe County since 2020.

What Residents Can Do:

Protect Yourself

- Use EPA-registered repellents
- Wear long sleeves and pants at dawn and dusk
- Check window and door screens

Protect Your Home

- Remove standing water (birdbaths, buckets, gutters)
- Keep pools and ponds clean and circulating
- Add mosquito fish to ornamental ponds or troughs

Report Mosquito Activity

Call Washoe 311 to report mosquito problems. Staff will follow up if resources allow.

For more information, visit <https://www.nnph.org/>.