

Mosquito Health Concerns in Hampton Roads this Summer

Things to know when trying to control mosquitos in Hampton Roads

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA, UNITED STATES, May 13, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Universal Pest & Termite Urges Vigilance Amid Rising Mosquito-Borne Health Risks in Hampton Roads

As mosquito season intensifies across Hampton Roads, Universal Pest & Termite is alerting residents in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Newport News, and surrounding areas to heightened health concerns linked to mosquito activity.

Recent surveillance has detected mosquitoes testing positive for West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in regions near Virginia Beach. These findings underscore the urgent need for proactive measures to mitigate mosquito populations and reduce the risk of disease transmission.

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There are health concerns related to mosquito reduction in Hampton Roads”

Tanner Baine

Key Health Concerns:

- West Nile Virus (WNV): While many infected individuals remain asymptomatic, others may experience flu-like symptoms, and in severe cases, neurological complications.
- Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE): Though rare, EEE can

be fatal. Symptoms include sudden onset of fever, chills, and vomiting, potentially progressing to disorientation, seizures, or coma.



Mosquitos Make You Run

Preventative Measures

Recommended:

- Eliminate Standing Water: Regularly empty containers like buckets, birdbaths, and plant saucers to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Use Insect Repellents: Apply EPA-registered repellents containing DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus when outdoors.
- Install Protective Barriers: Ensure window and door screens are intact to keep mosquitoes out of homes.
- Wear Protective Clothing: Opt for long-sleeved shirts and long pants, especially during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

Professional [Mosquito Control](#): Engage licensed [pest control](#) services for targeted mosquito treatments and inspections.

"The health and safety of our community are paramount," said a spokesperson from Universal Pest & Termite. "We are committed to providing effective mosquito control solutions to protect residents from these serious health threats."

What Attracts Mosquitoes?

- Sweat: Mosquitoes need water to reproduce, so they are naturally attracted to areas with higher humidity levels.
- Dark Clothing: Research shows that mosquitoes are most attracted to dark colors.
- People who eat a lot of potassium and salt.
- Perfume and Scented Lotions: Fragrances are known to attract mosquitoes.
- Drinking Alcohol: Some experts believe drinking alcohol makes your skin give off a chemical that attracts mosquitoes.



Adult Mosquito



- Blood type: According to a 2004 study, people with type O blood were a whole 83 percent more likely to attract mosquitoes than any other blood type.

Universal Pest & Termite offers yard mosquito reduction and mosquito repellent for your yard during the active mosquito season. We currently serve Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Hampton, Williamsburg and surrounding areas.

Why do we say, "Mosquito Reduction"? Mosquitoes can travel daily up to two miles depending on the wind, for that reason, it means exclusion is impossible. We treat areas where mosquitoes hide, such as shrubs and damp areas of the yard. A proper mosquito reduction service can have up to a 95% effective rate in your yard.

When searching [pest control near me](#), get information or to schedule a mosquito pest control inspection, please contact:

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