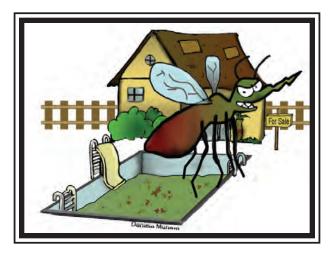
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### Locations of Neglected Swimming Pools



# Depressed housing markets and foreclosures have led to many neglected swimming pools in California.

- Pools that are not maintained grow algae and bacteria.
- Mosquitoes lay their eggs in neglected pools. These eggs hatch into larvae that become adult mosquitoes.
- Mosquitoes from neglected pools can transmit WNV once they feed on an infected bird.
- These WNV-infected mosquitoes can bite **you** and infect **you** with WNV!

### What do I do if someone I know has a neglected pool?

- ♣ Locate the mosquito control agency in your area by visiting: <a href="www.westnile.ca.gov">www.westnile.ca.gov</a> or calling 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473).
- Contact your local mosquito control agency about the best course of action.

#### What can the local mosquito control agency do?

The mosquito control agency can do the following:

- ₩ Work with realtor or property owner if necessary;
- Place mosquito fish in the pool to eat the mosquito larvae;
- Put a product in the pool that inhibits or kills the larvae;
- Help you decide how to manage the pool, if you own the pool, so no more mosquitoes are produced.
- These actions stop mosquito production, but the pool water remains dark or brackish until it is properly maintained.

### What if there is not a local mosquito control agency in my area?

You can take a few simple actions to prevent mosquito production in your pool:

- S Contact your city government;
- Use mosquito control slow-release products available at the local garden center or hardware store.

#### For more information

- ☼ Contact your local mosquito control program or health department ⇒