

It seems like everyone loves the long hot days of summer. But there's one thing guaranteed to ruin the perfect barbeque, camping trip, or baseball game – mosquitoes! Unfortunately mosquitoes love summer as much as we do. But there are a number of things that you can do to prevent and protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes and West Nile Virus. The Weber Mosquito Abatement District (Weber MAD) recommends watching for these trouble spots where water can collect: birdbaths and fountains, rain gutters and downspouts, plant saucers, old tires, buckets, overwatered lawns and gardens, pet dishes and horse troughs. And if you are outside in the evening or early morning, during peak mosquito biting times, take measures to protect yourself from mosquito bites. Wear long pants and long sleeve shirts and apply a mosquito repellent approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. Repellents containing the active ingredients DEET, Picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus have been approved. Read and follow label directions carefully for application and, when necessary, to reapply. The Weber MAD also wants to know the location of beehives to avoid spraying in these sensitive areas and they need your help in locating these hives. There are also other services they offer to the public, just call and ask. And, especially, when experiencing mosquito problems around your home call them at (801) 392-1630 or visit their website [www.webermosquito.com](http://www.webermosquito.com) for help and information – that's their job.

