

## STANDING WATER POLICY

The purpose of the Standing Water Policy is to reduce the risk of exposure to the West Nile Virus and other diseases, such as, malaria and encephalitis, by encouraging the elimination or treatment of standing water that can breed mosquitoes.

The Department of Public Works through the education of Henrico County citizens shall encourage property owners to eliminate standing water on their property.

### DEFINITIONS

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this policy, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

**Director** means the Director of Public Works or any person designated by the Director for purposes of this policy.

**Owner** means the principal occupants of, and persons holding title to, any land or building in the County.

**Standing water** means any outdoor, stagnant accumulation of water, that can breed mosquitoes. Standing water does not include tidal and nontidal wetlands, as defined in Section 24-3 of the Code, moving water, fountains, or water that contains natural predators, such as fish.

### REPORT OF STANDING WATER

Any person identifying the presence of standing water may report such presence to the Director at 226-NILE.

### RESPONDING TO STANDING WATER REPORTS

Upon receipt of a report of the presence of standing water, the Director shall initiate a meeting between the person filing the report and a Public Works representative. When the Director has determined from reports, inspections, or otherwise that standing water that can breed mosquitoes exists, he shall notify the owner of the property, requesting the elimination or treatment of the standing water. The County will also provide information regarding the elimination of standing water, methods of mosquito control and where control measures can be purchased.