

# Butte Co. Vector Control prepares for mosquito season

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The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District is gearing up for another round in its fight against mosquitoes. The main goal of this battle against these insects is preventing diseases like West Nile Virus, which could be fatal.

“For those that get the neuroinvasive type that get hospitalized, you lose the control of your nervous system,” said Doug Weseman, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District assistant manager. “It could definitely kill you.”

Last year Butte County was hit hard by West Nile Virus seeing 24 human cases reported. According to Weseman, this year is shaping up to be just as bad or even worse.

Starting Thursday, vector control will begin scouring the area by the planes and helicopters looking for unmaintained sources of standing water. Weseman says there are ways to take matters in your own hands and help prevent mosquitoes from breeding in your backyard.

“Drain your standing water and look around your backyard,” he said.

Vector control will be out in planes through next week and say mosquito season should end by early November.