

## The Moreno Valley Fire Department Offers the Following Safety Information:

### Important safety information for when using a turkey fryer:

The delicious deep-fried turkey has quickly grown in popularity but safety experts are concerned that backyard chefs may be sacrificing fire safety for good taste.

If you absolutely must use a turkey fryer, please use the following tips:

- Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors a safe distance from buildings and any other flammable materials.
- Never use turkey fryers in a garage or on a wooden deck.
- Make sure the fryers are used on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you do not watch the fryer carefully, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer even if it is not in use. The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot hours after use.
- To avoid oil spillover, do not overfill the fryer.
- Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching pot or lid handles. If possible, wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. If the fire is manageable, use your all-purpose fire extinguisher. If the fire increases, immediately call the fire department for help.



### Spark of Love

Every year, tens of thousands of children experience Christmas morning with no gifts to open. To bring smiles to these children, the firefighters in Moreno Valley, in cooperation with CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire and KABC Channel 7, host a "Spark of Love Toy Drive". Residents that wish to be part of this special event are encouraged to drop off a new, unwrapped toy or sports equipment at any local fire

station to support this worthwhile cause.

With your support, children throughout Moreno Valley will receive a new toy this holiday season. Your donation to the "Spark of Love Toy Drive" will be accepted at any of the City's seven fire stations through December 24, 2014:

Fire Station #2  
24935 Hemlock Avenue

Fire Station #65  
15111 Indian Avenue

Fire Station #6  
22250 Eucalyptus Avenue

Fire Station #91  
16110 Lasselle Street

Fire Station #48  
10511 Village Road

Fire Station #99  
13400 Morrison Street

Fire Station #58  
28040 Eucalyptus Avenue

For eligibility requirements to receive toys for a child in need, please contact the Moreno Valley Community Assistance Program at 951-485-7792. For any other questions regarding the “Spark of Love Toy Drive” call 951-486-6780.

## The Office Of Emergency Management Offers The Following Information:

Evacuations are more common than many people realize. Fires, floods and many other types of emergencies cause evacuations most frequently across the U.S. Additionally, several times a year, transportation and industrial accidents release harmful substances, forcing many people to leave their homes.

When community evacuations become necessary local officials provide information to the public through the media. In some circumstances, other warning methods, such as sirens, text alerts, emails or telephone calls are used.



Evacuation orders may come with little or no warning. Even so, you can use the tips below to prepare for the possibility of evacuating as part of your personal preparedness efforts at home and work.

- IDENTIFY possible places to reunite with family members after the event as part of your emergency plans.
- MAKE plans for children, seniors and others with special needs. CHECK with your schools, work place and other sites about their evacuation plans.
- SECURE the building if possible. TURN OFF utilities only if instructed to do so by local officials.
- LISTEN to the radio or watch TV for information from local officials. FOLLOW their instructions.
- REMAIN calm.
- USE the phone ONLY to report life-threatening emergencies.
- RETRIEVE emergency supplies and evacuation kits if possible. Be sure to include medications.
- ASSEMBLE enough food, drinking water, medicines, and other supplies to last at least three days in an emergency kit or backpack that is easy to transport.
- REPORT to the evacuation site, using recommended routes given by local officials

The City of Moreno Valley Office of Emergency Management would like to inform the public that during this time of year, cases of West Nile Virus are especially active due to high humidity, high temperatures and overall climate changes. It is important for the City of Moreno Valley to be aware of this increased risk and take preventative measures in reducing the exposure of this disease.



West Nile Virus is transmitted to humans and animals through a mosquito bite. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Health officials emphasized that the risk of serious illness to humans is low. Most individuals who are infected with WNV will not experience any illness. Elderly individuals and those with compromised immune systems are at greatest risk for serious illness.

Individuals can reduce their risk of mosquito-borne diseases by taking these precautions:

- \*Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active, especially at dawn and dusk.
- \*When outdoors, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and other protective clothing.
- \*Apply insect repellent according to label instructions.
- \*Make sure that doors and windows have tight fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- \*Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property that can support mosquito breeding.
- \*Contact your local mosquito and vector control agency if there is a significant mosquito problem where you live or work.

Anyone who becomes ill after exposure to mosquitoes should contact his or her health care provider. The Riverside County Department of Public Health Disease Control Office can be reached at (951) 358-5107, for more information about West Nile Virus. Problems related to mosquito control should be directed to the appropriate Mosquito control office:

- \*Riverside City Mosquito Control 951-351-6127
- \*Riverside County Mosquito Control 951-766-9454
- \*Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control 951-340-9792
- \*Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District 760-342-8287

If you are unsure of which agency services your area you may go to:  
<http://westnile.ca.gov/ziplocator.php> and enter your zip code.

Information about WNV is available on the website established for surveillance in California:  
<http://www.westnile.ca.gov>