



The Valley Buzz!

Mosquitoes Ruining Your Weekends?

With the spread of invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes, residents are noticing bites more often. In addition to our native mosquitoes which bite primarily at dusk and evening times, *Aedes* mosquitoes bite during daytime and evenings.

Don't get frustrated though, our technicians are available to help you! Our trained and state-certified staff are experts at seeking out the cryptic backyard sources *Aedes* mosquitoes prefer to lay eggs in.

Contact the District today and one of our technicians will determine the best way to help you!

Technician looking for larvae in a pool



Aedes mosquitoes love to lay eggs in places like planter saucers



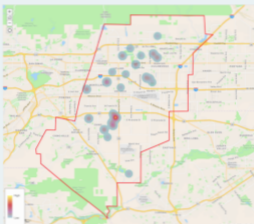
Recent Increases in WNV Detections

Across California, there has been an increase in the presence of WNV. Our Laboratory surveillance has also seen an increase in West Nile virus (WNV) in mosquitoes collected throughout the District in the past few weeks.

The District urges caution when outdoors, and encourages everyone to wear a CDC recommended repellent to reduce their chance of getting bit. Because female mosquitoes bite and the use blood for egg development, reducing potential breeding sources by removing standing water (places such as planter pot saucers, bird baths, fountains and pools that are not running, etc.) can reduce your yard's attractiveness to mosquitoes.

Personal protection and reducing sources are two of the most effective ways to protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease!

West Nile Virus Detections in the District - Year to Date



Westnile.ca.gov is a great resource for vector activity in California. Click the picture below to visit!



IPM and You!

IPM Top 10 Tips

Using repellent is an easy and effective way to help protect your from mosquito bites! Remember to look for CDC-recommended active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535 and Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.

Learn More at: WVMVCD.org

Integrated pest management (IPM) is a strategy employed by vector control agencies that uses the latest in science and technology to provide mosquito control that maximizes effectiveness while minimizing environmental impact.

IPM is a flexible strategy that can be employed not only by vector control agencies over large areas, but also by homeowners in their own yards! The District is continuing its IPM education graphics series that illustrate IPM strategies and how residents can employ these steps to help themselves!

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter and visit our website to get tips and tricks to reduce mosquitoes in an environmentally friendly way!



Click the links above for more tips daily!