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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Antelope Valley Mosquito District Reminds Residents to Stay on Top of Mosquito Control Measures throughout the Winter**

Lancaster, CA –The weather in the Antelope Valley has been very rainy, and as many of us know, with rain comes mosquitoes. The District encourages the community to stay on top of personal mosquito control measures, even in the winter, as the weather is often temperate enough to breed mosquitoes. Additionally, getting rid of mosquitoes now ensures that residents won't be caught off guard by a mosquito problem when the weather warms up in just a few short months.

Mosquitoes are much more than a nuisance, they are a real public health threat. We urge the community to report any daytime biting mosquitoes to the District at 661.942.2917 or [www.avmosquito.org/submit-a-tip](http://www.avmosquito.org/submit-a-tip). Keeping mosquito populations low remains of utmost importance due to the potential for the spread of West Nile virus. The lower the mosquito population, the lower the likelihood for disease transmission.

West Nile virus is endemic to the Antelope Valley and is currently established in the local *Culex* mosquito population. West Nile virus is the most prevalent and serious

mosquito-borne disease in California. There is no human vaccine for West Nile virus, a disease which can cause debilitating cases of meningitis, encephalitis, and even death.

AVMVCD personnel are continuing mosquito surveillance and control efforts and will proceed to keep residents informed regarding important mosquito control updates. The public plays a critical role in helping to control the spread of mosquitoes and all residents are advised to do their part to eliminate them.

Here's how you can stay ahead of a mosquito problem: Empty all possible sources of standing water where mosquitoes lay eggs such as buckets, tires, toys, plant saucers and so on. Scrubbing the insides of the containers is also recommended, as this will dislodge eggs that are stuck to the container. The District also urges residents to do their part to protect themselves from mosquito bites by following these recommendations:

- Inspect yards for standing water sources and drain water that may have collected under potted plants, in bird baths, discarded tires, and any other items that could collect water.
- Ensure that pools are fully maintained or completely dry – unkempt pools breed mosquitoes.
- Check your rain gutters and lawn drains to make sure they aren't holding water and debris.
- Be sure window and door screens are in good repair to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.
- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet watering dishes weekly.
- Change indoor plant water (i.e. Bamboo and Philodendron) as necessary to avoid mosquito breeding.
- Wear insect repellent that contains one of these main ingredients: DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 to exposed skin (as directed on the product label).
- Wear long sleeve shirts, long pants, socks and shoes when mosquitoes are active, weather permitting.

Here are some more in depth ways to prevent mosquitoes:  
<https://www.avmosquito.org/do-it-yourself-solutions-for-mosquito-control-around-your-home>

If you notice and abundance of day biting mosquitoes, report them to the District by calling (661) 942-2917 or scanning here to report online:



To stay up-to-date on any mosquito related information, check out our website at [www.avmosquito.org](http://www.avmosquito.org).

For any further questions or services please feel free to contact the Antelope Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District by phone (661-942-2917). Follow us on social media:

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