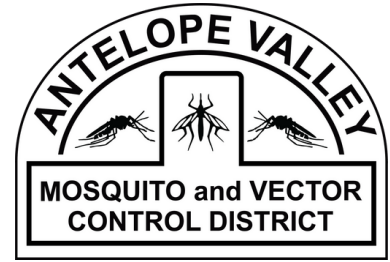


THE VALLEY BUZZ



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April Update



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Hello Antelope Valley!

Happy Spring everyone! Mosquito season is just around the corner! With this excessively rainy winter and many sources of standing water as a result, the District is anticipating a busy mosquito season. As we enter into the warm season, now more than ever it is imperative for the community to continue taking personal mosquito control measures.

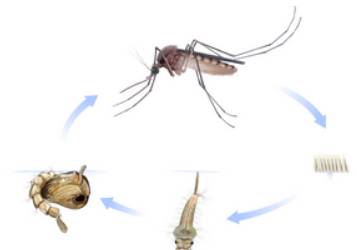
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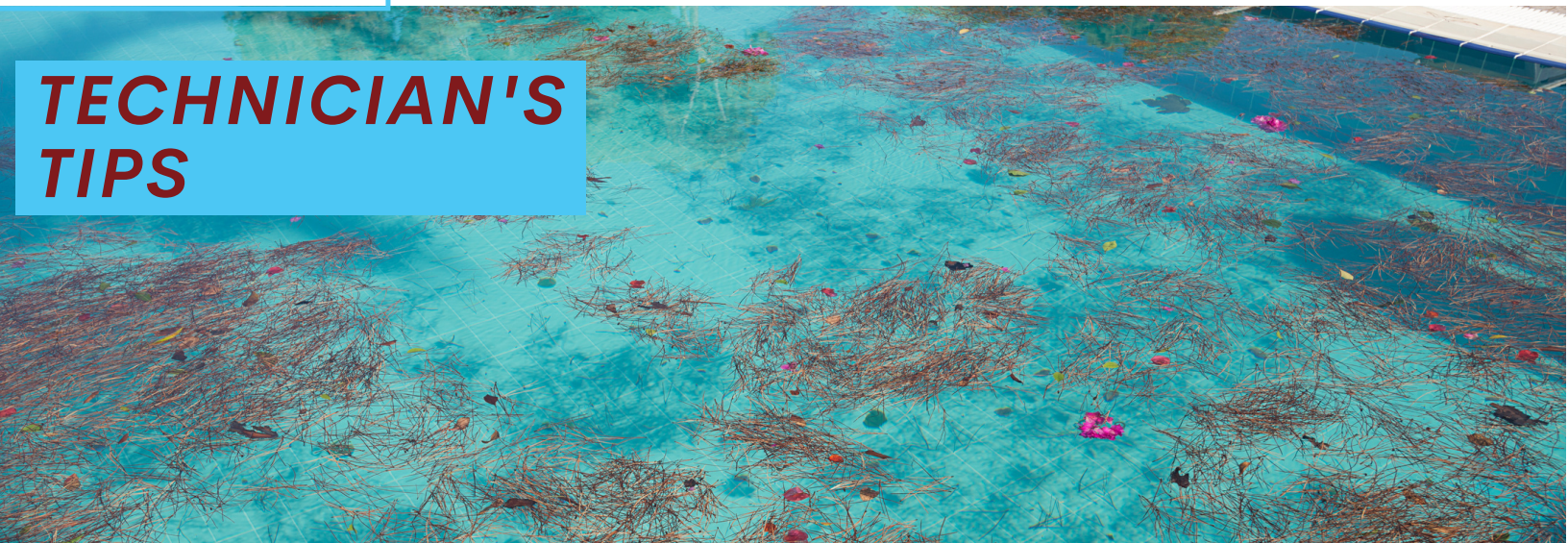
- Eliminating sources of standing water around your property weekly
- Eliminating any unused items that can hold standing water
- Keeping windows and doors shut or properly screened
- Refreshing pet water and bird baths at least weekly
- Wearing insect repellent when mosquitoes are present. Make sure it contains one of these active ingredients: DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus or IR3535. Always follow label instructions.

Visit our website: <https://www.avmosquito.org/how-you-can-help> for more ideas on how to prevent mosquitoes around your home.

DID YOU KNOW?!

Once the weather warms up, it only takes about 5 to 7 days for mosquitoes to complete their lifecycle from egg all the way to flying adult. It can be even faster depending on the conditions of the mosquito habitat. This is why mosquito control professionals urge the community to eliminate sources of standing water at least once a week. Dumping out the water will allow the eggs, larvae and pupae to dry up. This intercepts the mosquito lifecycle and prevents them from becoming disease spreading nuisance adult mosquitoes.





TECHNICIAN'S TIPS

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Unkempt pools remain one of the largest sources of mosquito nuisances in the Antelope Valley. Now is the time to get pools completely clean and functional or drained completely dry. In the next few weeks as the weather warms, pools that were left to go green over winter will start becoming the perfect place for mosquitoes to call home. One pool can create millions of mosquitoes over the course of one month, and the District identifies many hundreds of unmaintained pools every year.



Other common areas the District finds mosquito breeding:

Contact us!
M-Th 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
Fri 8:00 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.
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Bird baths, old tires, kiddie pools, wheelbarrows, yard junk, tarps and buckets

Report a mosquito nuisance/dirty Pool:
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