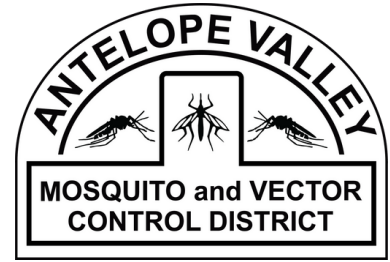


THE VALLEY BUZZ

JUNE 2023



ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT



June Update



SCAN ME!



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Hello Antelope Valley!

The District continues to receive service requests and staff are out treating green pools and public areas of standing water within our District boundaries. Technicians are still consistently finding breeding in known hotspots around town but the lower temperatures as of late have slowed down the mosquito breeding process somewhat.

The District has a good supply of mosquitofish at the office, so if you have a need for fish in your yard ponds, animal troughs or any other contained water source (i.e. not a natural waterway), please reach out the the District at 661.942.2917. We want the community to remember that mosquito control is a shared responsibility between residents and the District and everyone must do their part.

Personal mosquito control measures include:

- 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
- Keeping pools, fountains, ponds and other water features fully maintained or completely dry throughout the season.

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?!

Certain birds are more likely to get sick and die from West Nile virus (WNV), which is spread by mosquitoes. These birds include crows, magpies, ravens and jays that are common in California.

Many counties test birds for WNV because they can be a good way to tell if WNV is active in a certain area. If you find a dead crow or other bird around your home, please report it to the WNV & Dead Bird Call Center at 1-877-WNV-BIRD or Westnile.ca.gov





TECHNICIAN'S TIPS

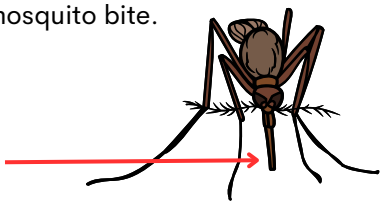


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Don't let mosquitoes ruin your summer fun! Did you know that mosquitoes bite with a long needle-like mouthpiece called a proboscis (proh·baa·suhs)? Wearing loose fitting long sleeves and pants whenever mosquitoes are present will help prevent mosquitoes from getting to your skin and taking a tasty snack. The proboscis can poke through tight fitting clothes to get to your skin, so loose fitting is best! Remember, the less exposed skin, the less likely you are to get a pesky mosquito bite.

Proboscis



If the weather does not permit wearing long sleeves and pants, applying an EPA registered repellent will keep you and your loved ones safe this summer. Not all mosquito repellents are created equal, however. The main ingredients that are EPA-registered and proven for safety and efficacy are: DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), and IR3535 so be sure to look for those when selecting a repellent.

Every EPA approved insect repellent will also list the percentage of the main ingredient on the bottle. The higher the percentage, the longer the coverage will last. For example, if a product lists 10% of the main ingredient, it might offer up to two hours of protection, whereas 90% of the main ingredient can offer up to ten hours of protection. We recommend wearing repellents that contain at least 20% of the main ingredient. Always be sure to follow label directions closely.

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 Fri 8:00 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.
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