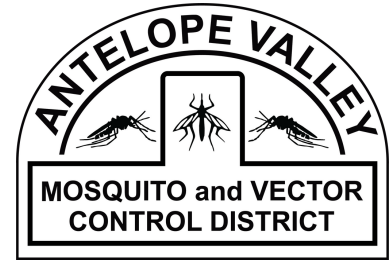


THE VALLEY BUZZ

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ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT



August Update



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Hello Antelope Valley!

Throughout the COVID-19 situation, we have continued to serve the community. Mosquito control is an important facet of Public Health and doesn't stop even when there is a different Public Health crisis occurring. The District is operating and our technicians are out in the field fulfilling our mission of mosquito control for the betterment of public health.

In June, the District conducted its annual aerial flyover. The flyover is performed in an effort to identify unmaintained swimming pools that are potential breeding sites for mosquitoes. Unmaintained swimming pools continue to be a major source of mosquito breeding in the community. Addressing and treating unmaintained pools remains at the forefront of our mosquito control efforts. If you received a letter regarding a potential green pool, simply follow the instructions on the letter for how to respond. Please feel free to direct any questions to info@avmosquito.org or call us at 661.942.2917.

The District has identified Invasive Aedes mosquitoes in several East Palmdale locations between 30th and 40th East, south of Avenue Q. Aedes mosquitoes are small black and white mosquitoes and are known to bite aggressively during the daytime hours. Aedes mosquitoes have the ability to carry and transmit very different diseases than our local Culex mosquitoes. They can carry tropical diseases such as Zika, Yellow Fever, dengue and chikungunya. If you live in this area and notice aggressive daytime mosquitoes, be sure to contact the District at 661.942.2917.

DID YOU KNOW?!

YOU CAN HELP!

If you notice daytime biting mosquitoes, we can do an inspection, help you find the origin of the problem and place traps in your yard for surveillance of the mosquitoes. If interested, please reach out at:

www.avmosquito.org/contact-us

Phone: 661.942.2917

E-mail: info@avmosquito.org





TECHNICIAN'S TIPS



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Contact us!

M-Th 8:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

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

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Report a mosquito nuisance/dirty Pool:

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Aedes mosquitoes are known as 'container breeders' because they prefer to lay their eggs on the walls of water-filled containers both inside and outside of the house. Containers to take into consideration when eliminating potential sources of Aedes mosquitoes include:

Items that people commonly fill with water: 5 gallon buckets and their lids, small buckets, plants in water, decorative fountains, animal drinking bowls, portable pools (not in use), potted plants and saucers.

Items that are commonly left outside and can fill with rain water: discarded tires, bottles, old pots and pans, broken appliances that are improperly stored or discarded (toilets, washbasins, refrigerators, washing machines), garbage cans, paint trays, tarps, toys, coolers, kayaks, boats, and other vehicles that can hold rain, sprinkler or hose water.

Control of larvae and pupae to avoid production of adult mosquitoes:

- Empty out then throw away, turn over, or store under a roof any container that may accumulate rain or sprinkler water.
- Always place a tight lid on containers used for water storage (buckets, drums).
- Verify that there are no larvae or pupae in stored water (if larvae/pupae are found, empty the container, wash walls with a brush to remove eggs, rinse, and cover).
- Maintain running water in fountains, artificial lakes or estuaries. Place mosquitofish in ornamental ponds that are always filled with water.
- Drain dry ornamental fountains that are not in use.
- Clean animal drinking bowls everyday, taking care to wash away eggs from sides of bowl.
- Fix leaky faucets that cause water to puddle
- Repair broken septic tanks and cover vent pipes with wire mesh.
- Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.
- Maintain swimming pools in good condition and appropriately chlorinated and filtered
- Be sure to report green pools or mosquito nuisances to the District at 661.942.2917



Happiness and Health,

The Antelope Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District