

THE VALLEY BUZZ

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ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT



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July Update



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Hello Antelope Valley!

Just like many members of the community, we still face a variety of challenges with the ever-changing COVID-19 situation. Our office is operating and our technicians are out in the field fulfilling our mission of mosquito control. Some aspects of our operations such as private property inspections and community outreach events and presentations are still temporarily halted to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure for our staff members and the community. Our office is still closed to foot traffic for now, but is operating Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for phone calls or email correspondence.

We are happy to report that although we are still having some fairly high trap counts in a few areas of town, no mosquitoes have tested positive for West Nile Virus or any other mosquito-borne illnesses yet this season. These high trap counts are yet another reminder for the community to do their part in mosquito control by eliminating any potential breeding sources on their property. This involves getting rid of standing water in any form.

If you notice stagnant water like the sources below, then be sure to eliminate it!



DID YOU KNOW?!

A very common but little-known mosquito breeding source is the runoff from swamp coolers! Oftentimes, the units can leak and create puddling underneath where mosquitoes like to live. Keeping the units in proper repair or eliminating the puddles will prevent a mosquito problem in your yard!





TECHNICIAN'S TIPS

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As the COVID-19 Pandemic rages on, an interesting phenomenon has been occurring as a result of the stay at home orders. Our technicians have noticed an uptick in illegal dumping. More free time likely means home renovations for a lot of people, and renovations usually result in waste.

Illegal dumping not only damages the environment but it can cause serious sanitation issues: mosquito problems being one of them. Trash and other objects can hold water and quickly become areas where mosquitoes breed. Not only that, but dumping in the city-way is a big problem because the trash ends up in gutters and drains and prevents the water from flowing freely into the basins.

Our technicians monitor and treat the basins regularly, so when the water can flow freely into a basin, the threat to public health is greatly reduced. The flooding that occurs as a result of clogged gutters and drains creates standing water and is therefore a big source of mosquito nuisances and a threat to public health.



Don't let mosquitoes ruin your summer fun by illegally dumping your trash! Disposing of waste in a responsible manner will help prevent a mosquito problem in our community.

As always, during outdoor activity, the District recommends wearing repellents that contain at least 20% of the main ingredient. EPA-registered ingredients that are approved for safety and efficacy are: DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus and IR3535. Always be sure to follow label directions closely.

Happiness and health,
The Antelope Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

[Report a mosquito nuisance/dirty Pool:](#)

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