

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

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4th of July Weekend - Mosquito Bite Prevention Reminder

Garden Grove, CA. The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) reminds residents to take a few simple steps to prevent mosquito bites this holiday weekend. Mosquitoes infected with West Nile virus have been collected from six Orange County cities so far in 2016. These findings indicate that the virus is being actively transmitted amongst birds and mosquitoes, and could result in human infections of the virus.

Prevention of mosquito bites and elimination of mosquito breeding water sources is the most effective way to prevent West Nile virus. When outdoors during dusk and dawn, apply mosquito repellent, and wear long sleeves and pants. Female mosquitoes are more attracted to darker colored clothing; so wearing light colored and loosely fitting clothing to help keep you safe. Prevent mosquitoes from breeding on your property by dumping or draining any standing water. Keep mosquitoes out of your house by maintaining window and door screens. Mosquitoes can fit through a hole less than 1/4 inch in diameter.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for District email notifications, follow us on social media, and visit our website for the most current West Nile virus information.

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