

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

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TRUCK-MOUNTED TREATMENT APPLICATION SCHEDULED IN TUSTIN

Garden Grove, CA. The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) is reporting an elevated level of invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes and an increased risk of mosquito-borne disease in areas of Tustin. In an effort to decrease the adult mosquito population and lower the risk of potential disease, a truck-mounted adult mosquito control application is scheduled for September 25th and September 26th from 10 PM – 5 AM.

The applications will occur between Canterbury Avenue to Tustin Ranch Road and from Walnut Avenue to Edinger Avenue [see attached map]. Application dates and times may change due to weather, environmental conditions or other operational needs. Residents can check the spraying schedule and determine whether their homes are located within the treatment area at: <https://www.ocvector.org/ground-based-adulticiding>.

Residents in treatment areas will be notified prior to the treatment date with flyers posted on their doors. All control products used by OCMVCD are registered by the federal and state Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of controlling mosquitoes and to safeguard public health. The products are applied according to the label rate (less than 1 fluid oz. per acre) and are not harmful to people or pets, even if they are present during the application. The application will also not harm the finishes on cars or homes. Residents do not have to turn off air-conditioning units during the application.

These non-native and aggressive day-biting mosquitoes are black and white and lay their eggs singly along the waterline of containers as small as a bottle cap. The *Aedes* mosquitoes are capable of transmitting debilitating viruses including dengue, chikungunya, yellow fever, and Zika. While these viruses are not currently being transmitted locally, transmission could begin if someone infected abroad returns to Orange County and is bit by the invasive mosquito. These mosquitoes are also known to transmit dog heartworm to dogs and cats. Vector Control officials are urging residents to redouble their efforts and eliminate standing water and unneeded containers from their property, including standing water indoors.

Mosquito control is a shared responsibility and residents need to take an active role in removing water sources and sharing information with their neighbors to help reduce the abundance of mosquitoes.

Residents should take the following precautions to help reduce the chances of getting bitten by mosquitoes:

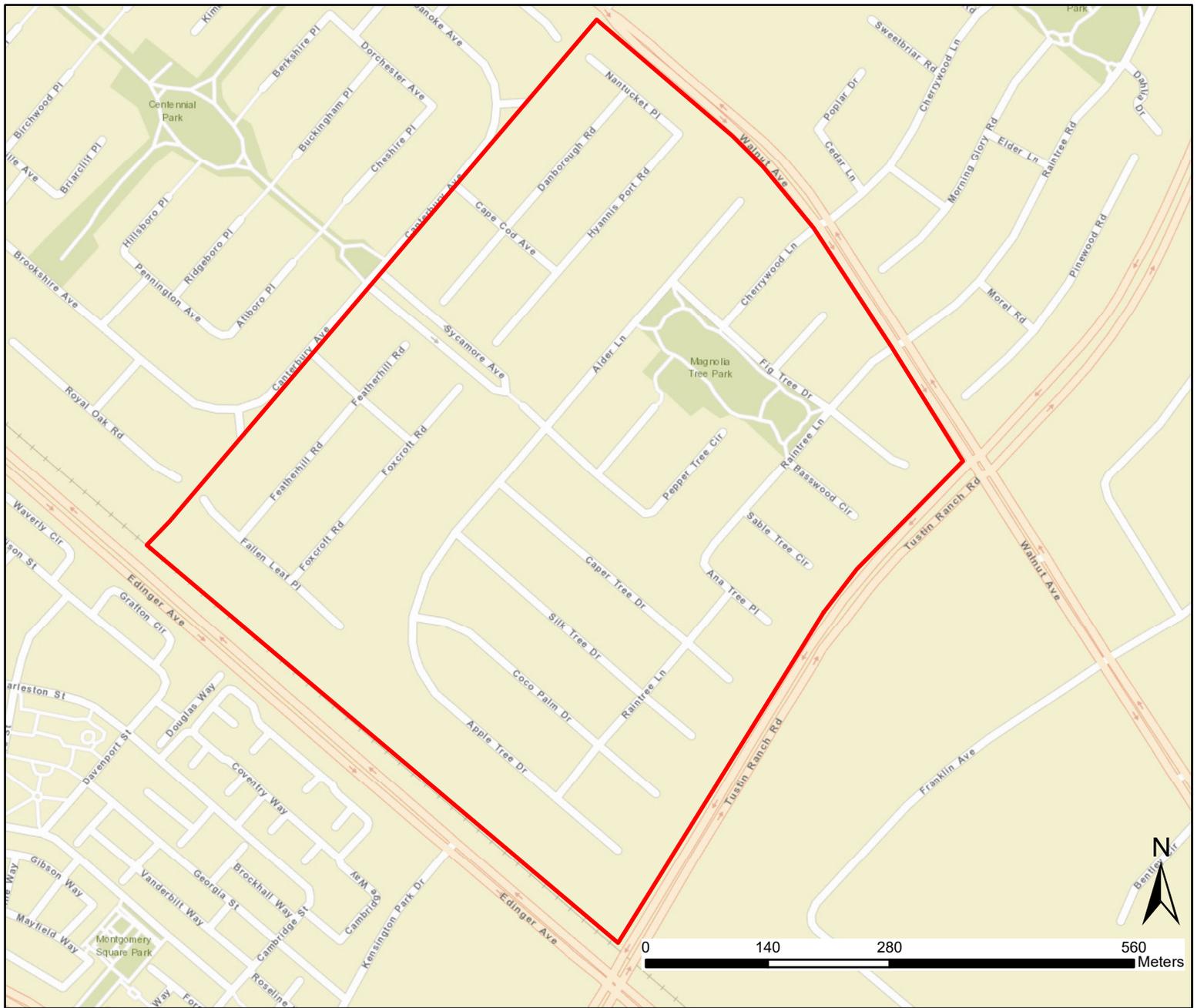
- Dump and drain any containers filled with water at least once a week
- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowls weekly
- Dump water from potted plant saucers
- Do not transport or share plant stems rooted in water
- Drill a hole or puncture containers to eliminate standing water

To prevent mosquito bites, the District offers the following tips:

- Apply mosquito repellents to exposed skin before going outdoors; reapply as recommended
- Wear repellent containing DEET®, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus
- Close all unscreened doors and windows to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home or space; repair broken or damaged screens
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and opt for lighter-colored clothing

Visit ocvector.org to learn more about what you can do to prevent mosquito breeding in and around your property.

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Area of Concern, Tustin: Sept 23, 2019


— Application Area

