Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

For Immediate Release Thursday, July 20, 2023



Contact:

Brian Brannon, Public Information Officer

Email: <u>bbrannon@ocvector.org</u>

Phone: (714) 971-2421

RESIDENTIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL APPLICATIONS IN SANTA ANA

Garden Grove, CA. The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) will be conducting residential applications to address mosquito abundance and risk of mosquito-borne disease in the City of Santa Ana using Ultra-Low Volume (ULV) adulticide treatments. The applications are scheduled for July 21st, 22nd and 24th between the hours of 2 AM to 5 AM in the area at the cross streets of Fairview and Warner [see attached maps below].

Application dates and times may change due to weather, environmental conditions or other operational needs. Residents can check the treatment schedule and determine whether their homes are located within the treatment area <u>HERE</u>. Residents in treatment areas will be notified prior to the treatment date with door flyers left at their homes.

All control products used by OCMVCD are registered by the federal and state Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of controlling mosquitoes and protecting public health. The products are applied according to the label rate (less than 1 fluid ounce 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.

Aedes mosquitoes are black and white, non-native and aggressive day-biting mosquitoes that lay their eggs along the waterline of containers as small as a bottle cap. The mosquitoes known as Aedes aegypti (yellow fever mosquito), Aedes albopictus (Asian tiger mosquito), and Aedes notoscriptus (Australian backyard mosquito) are capable of transmitting debilitating viruses including dengue, chikungunya, yellow fever, and Zika.

"The District urges residents to take necessary precautions to reduce mosquito breeding and prevent bites. Take charge of your yard by eliminating standing water and water-holding containers." said Heather Hyland, Director of Communications.

Residents should also take these precautions to reduce the chances of being 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
- Avoid transporting or sharing plant clippings rooted in water
- · Drill holes or puncture containers to eliminate standing water

To prevent mosquito bites, OCMVCD offers the following tips:

- Apply mosquito repellent 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

OCMVCD encourages residents to sign up for <u>VIP District email notifications</u>. For more information, visit <u>ocvector.org</u>

Map of treatment area in red

