

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

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Rain surge helps mosquitoes emerge

OCMVCD urges residents to take a closer look when it comes to breeding sources

Garden Grove, CA. With recent rain showers falling around Orange County, vector control experts stress the need for residents to take an active role in mosquito control by checking their property for any standing water. Even a bottle cap full of water can breed mosquitoes.

“Heavy rainfall is good for California’s dry landscape but increases breeding sources and potential disease threats. The rain can collect in small, cryptic areas that might be overlooked. It is best to do your due diligence and inspect your property thoroughly,” said Heather Hyland, OCMVCD Public Information Officer.

Any standing water should be emptied, containers should be sealed tightly to prevent mosquito entry, unnecessary containers should be removed from yards, and green, unmaintained pools should be cleaned or treated. Remember, it only takes 5-7 days for mosquitoes to go from egg to biting adult.

Residents should take the following precautions to help reduce the chances of breeding 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 clippings rooted in water
- Drill a hole or puncture containers to eliminate standing water

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