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The Valley Buzz

MANAGER'S MESSAGE:



As of July 23rd, the District has not detected any positive mosquitoes for West Nile virus.

For the state of California, as of June 23rd, there have been 414 West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquito samples from 19 counties. There have been three human cases of West Nile virus in the state, and one of these was

fatal.

As we face much needed unseasonal rains, please be sure to dump and drain any objects that can hold water in your yard!

For status updates on West Nile Virus in the District, please connect with us on Facebook or Twitter, or go to www.wvmvcd.org.

Dr. Michelle Brown

TECHNICIAN'S TIPS:

Late Summer is Peak Time for Invasive Aedes Mosquitoes

Aedes albopictus and *Aedes aegypti*, the two mosquito species likely responsible for all those bites on your lower legs, are just getting warmed up this year. While historically we have seen peak mosquito breeding in May, June, and July with our native mosquitoes, the invasive *Aedes*' peak breeding shows up late summer – July, August, and September.

These *Aedes* species prefer to use small containers to lay their eggs in and need very little water to thrive. It is important to remove all the standing water you can from around your home, checking in spots like potted plants, trash receptacles, toys left outdoors, recycle bins (even the items like bottles and cans inside the bins) and yard drains. Getting rid of these potential breeding spots now and maintaining a “dry” yard into late Summer/mid Fall can make a big difference for you and your neighborhood!

Be sure to call us for help, our trained technicians can help with locating and eliminating potential breeding spots in and around your yard and neighborhood.



Invasive *Aedes* are on the rise in our community, stay vigilant!

FROM OUR LABORATORY:

What's in a Name?

People wonder why we go to the trouble of sorting and identifying mosquitoes we collect. If it's a mosquito, just get rid of it right? Well, it's a lot more complicated than that! By collecting and identifying mosquitoes, laboratory staff can monitor population numbers, identify areas that are beginning to show signs of increased activity, and more! Identifying what kind, or species, of mosquito is in an area gives us a better understanding of where they are laying their eggs, what time they are most active, and where they may be originating from.

All this helps our technicians track down and mitigate mosquitoes efficiently. It's not easy sorting and identifying all those skeeters, but it helps

us better manage mosquitoes and reduce the risk of disease for our residents!



Patience, care and knowledge are needed to ID our skeeters!

OUTREACHING OUT TO YOU!

Getting Back Out There!

We are excited to get back into some of our old routines again, and one of the things we've missed most are city concerts. It's a joy to kick back, listen to some great tunes, and enjoy our wonderful SoCal weather. However, it's easy to forget that the concerts are happening at peak mosquito biting times, and all of us out there are easy pickings for a mosquito looking for blood! As essential as your chairs and umbrella, mosquito repellent should be high on your list of unforgettable items!



While we face many challenges in public health, we are confident that with your continued support, cooperation, and friendship, we can continue to protect our residents in this vast and ever-changing landscape.

Thank you for supporting us over the years!

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