WHILE AT HOME, REDUCE THE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS!
TIME TO REMOVE STANDING WATER ON YOUR PROPERTY

(STOCKTON, CA) – San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) is requesting residents to remove all standing water around their homes. Recent rains have left water in containers and other small items around properties. “With spring starting this week, warm weather is just around the corner. Early mosquito prevention will help reduce mosquito populations later in the year,” said Aaron Devencenzi, Public Information Officer with the District. “With West Nile virus (WNV) here to stay, mosquito control is everyone’s responsibility,” said Devencenzi.

People can help by dumping and drain standing water from outdoor containers, buckets, and any receptacles holding water. Be sure to repair leaking faucets and broken sprinklers to reduce mosquito development. Properly dispose of old tires or keep them in a dry area. Often forgotten, rain gutters clogged with leaves hold water and need to be cleaned. If you or your neighbor has a neglected swimming pool, call the District for mosquito prevention help.

The District’s mosquito control activities include: making recommendations to property owners on methods to reduce mosquito breeding conditions; educating the public on mosquito prevention techniques, including the use of repellents; introducing mosquitofish to ponds, ditches, and other aquatic sites; and spraying areas where mosquitoes are found.

The District is committed to protecting public health and we are taking proactive measures to protect our staff and residents by helping to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). While our in-person operations have been modified, we are still conducting essential services such as mosquito surveillance, inspections and control to prevent mosquito-transmitted diseases. Mosquitoes are vectors of several diseases, including West Nile virus, COVID-19 is not transmitted by mosquito bites.

To learn more about mosquito and vector control activities in San Joaquin County, go to the District’s website at www.sjmosquito.org. To request District service, call 209.982.4675, 1.800.300.4675, or visit www.sjmosquito.org. Follow us on Facebook @Sjmmosquitoandvector for more tips and information.

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