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**California Mosquito Awareness Week  
Public Health Awareness Advisory  
Mosquitoes  
& Other Insects and Vectors  
in Los Angeles County  
April 18, 2019**

**In conjunction with the California Mosquito Awareness Week of April 21-27, look for the District's annual emailing of information next week regarding mosquitoes and other biting insects in Los Angeles County.**

The Los Angeles County West Vector & Vector-Borne Disease Control District (District) joins public health agencies throughout the state to raise awareness and educate Californians about the threat mosquitoes can pose to local residents and families.

Learn more about mosquitoes, West Nile Virus, Zika, personal protection, and eliminating breeding on your property in next week's Public Health Advisory.

Residents of the District need to continue to be aware of mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile virus and Zika. Eliminating mosquito breeding in and around your home is the best way for residents to protect themselves and their families.

West Nile virus is transmitted to humans via the bite of infected mosquitoes, which become infected when feeding on birds carrying the virus. West Nile virus infections are often mild or

asymptomatic, but the virus can cause significant cognitive and neurological symptoms in some patients, and possibly death.

The invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes are capable of transmitting deadly viruses such as Zika, chikungunya, and dengue fever. While these viruses are not currently being transmitted by mosquitoes locally in Los Angeles County, care should be taken not to allow breeding in and around your residence.

Residents can reduce the risk of mosquito bites by wearing repellent containing DEET®, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or IR 3535 when outside during periods of mosquito activity, and ensuring window screens are in good condition. Residents should also regularly inspect the yard for standing water; tip out the water and toss out the source.

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