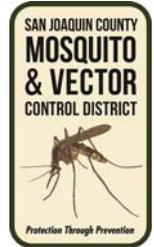


## **Questions Relating to Storms/ Flooding & Mosquito Control**

**San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District**



### **How is the District going to respond to the current flood conditions?**

- Heavy rain storms and potential flooding can lead to mosquito development, and the potential increase in risk of mosquito-borne disease. With flooded areas and warmer weather conditions, the District is preparing for an earlier than normal mosquito season.
- The District is starting surveillance earlier than normal this year, with mosquito traps and the inspection of potential mosquito sources.
- The public will see our District's vehicles and technicians in areas where they're not accustomed to seeing personnel. These areas may include areas along rivers, creeks, and sloughs in rural and urban areas. From the rains and flooding, the District will be inspecting areas that may include: tire storage facilities, telephone vaults, loading docks, truck scales, storm ponds, industrial areas, flooded farm ground, river seepage, cannery and produce bins, water under homes and other buildings, etc.

### **Why does this work need to be done?**

This work is being done to reduce early mosquito populations and prevent mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile virus, and western equine encephalitis. Early mosquito prevention is key to protecting public health.

### **What can you do?**

1) Clear debris from drain ditches to allow water flow. 2) Cut small ditches to drain water off your property. 3) Remove debris from your property. Mosquitoes can develop in less than a tablespoon of water so look for items including tarps, tires, plastic containers, tin cans, jars, buckets, etc. 4) Remove any standing water from under your home and in your basement. 5) Repair broken pipes and sprinklers and clean rain gutters. 6) Dump water in items stored outside including kiddie pools, wheel barrows, bird baths and plant saucers. 7) Rain barrels need to be properly screened or capped to prevent mosquitoes. They also need to be leak free. 8) Abandon in-ground swim pools need to be stocked with mosquitofish or drained.

### **Where can I go to find more information?**

- For mosquito related information and mosquitofish: contact the District at: 209.982.4675 or 1.800.300.4675 or visit our website [www.sjmosquito.org](http://www.sjmosquito.org)
- For flood information: San Joaquin Office of Emergency Services at 209.953.6200 or on their website at <https://www.sjgov.org/department/oes/current>
- Dial 2-1-1 and someone will assist you in finding information about the current storm related issues in San Joaquin County. [2-1-1 San Joaquin County](http://www.sjgov.org)