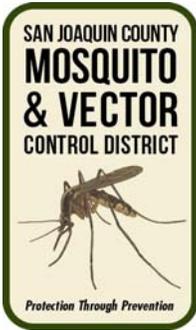


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HEAVY RAIN AND INCREASING TEMPERATURES TRIGGERS MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITY

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(STOCKTON, CA) – San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) is responding to the surge of recent storms and predicted warm temperatures. “District mosquito control personnel will be increasing surveillance and mosquito control activities on public and private land,” said Aaron Devencenzi, Public Information Officer with the District. “Early mosquito population suppression is critical to reducing the risk of mosquito-borne disease later in the year”, said Devencenzi.

People can help by doing simple actions like removing standing water from outdoor buckets and containers along with repairing 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 Districts 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.

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

The San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District provides services to the residents and visitors of San Joaquin County, as well as the cities of Escalon, Lathrop, Lodi, Manteca, Ripon, Stockton, and Tracy. The District is responsible for mosquito and vector control, surveillance of West Nile virus and other vector-borne diseases, as well as public education programs to help residents protect themselves from disease. The District advocates safe, effective and environmentally friendly methods of mosquito and vector control.

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