

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

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RESIDENTIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL APPLICATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED IN SANTA ANA

Garden Grove, CA. The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) is reporting an elevated level of invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes and an increased risk of mosquito-borne disease in areas of Santa Ana. Residential mosquito control applications are scheduled on August 10th and 11th between the hours of 2:00 AM to 5:00 AM to decrease the mosquito population and lower the risk of mosquito-borne disease in the area west of South Greenville Street to South Bristol Street, North of Edinger Ave to McFadden Ave [see attached maps].

Application dates and times may change due to weather, environmental conditions or other operational needs. Residents can check the treatment schedule and determine whether their homes are located within the treatment area [HERE](#). Residents in treatment areas will be notified prior to the treatment date with door flyers left at their homes.

All control products used by OCMVCD are registered by the federal and state Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of controlling mosquitoes and protecting public health. The products are applied according to the label rate (less than 1 fluid ounce per acre) and are not harmful to people or pets, even if they are present during the application. The application will also not harm the finishes on cars or homes. Residents do not have to turn off air-conditioning units during the application.

Aedes mosquitoes are black and white, non-native and aggressive day-biting mosquitoes that lay their eggs along the waterline of containers as small as a bottle cap. The mosquitoes known as *Aedes aegypti* (yellow fever mosquito), *Aedes albopictus* (Asian tiger mosquito), and *Aedes notoscriptus* (Australian backyard mosquito) are capable of transmitting debilitating viruses including dengue, chikungunya, yellow fever, and Zika.

“The District is urging residents to take the necessary precautions to reduce mosquito breeding and to avoid bites from these aggressive ankle-biters. Residents must do their part to check their yard regularly and eliminate standing water and water-holding containers” said Lora Young, Assistant District Manager/Director of Communications

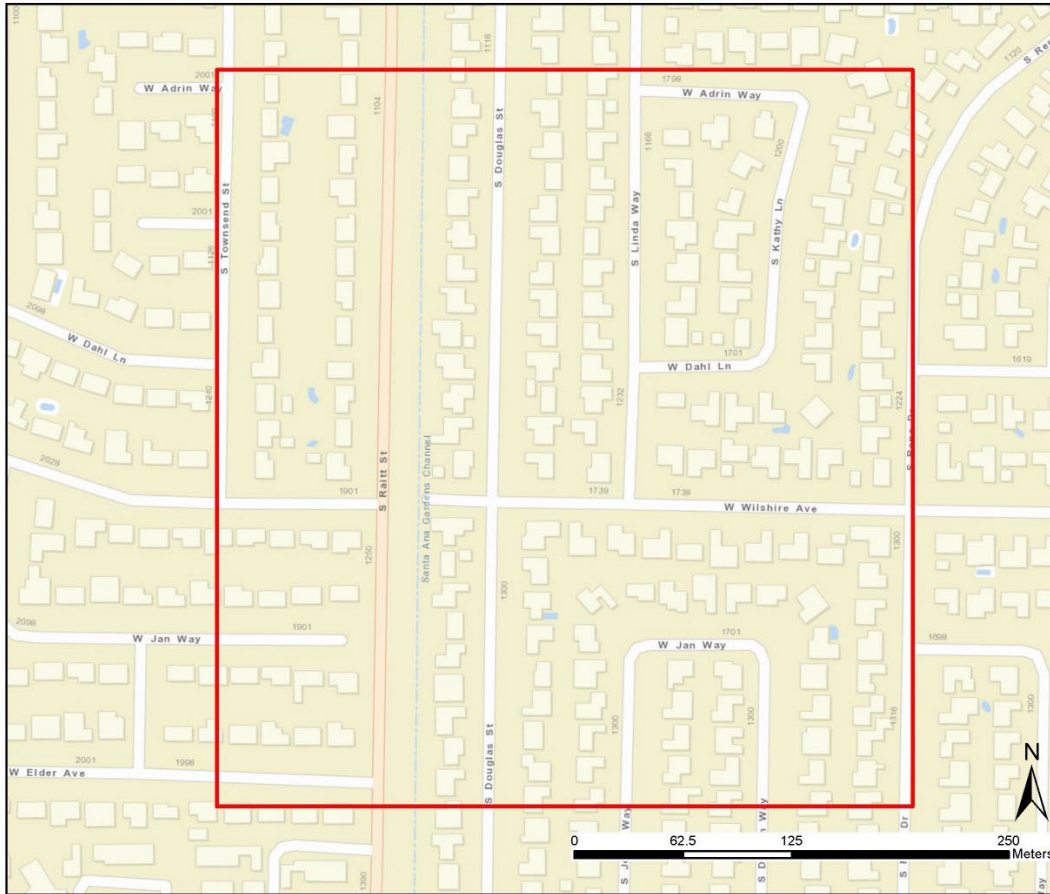
Residents should also take these precautions to reduce the chances of being bitten by mosquitoes:

- Dump and drain any containers filled with water at least once a week
- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowls weekly
- Dump water from potted plant saucers
- Avoid transporting or sharing plant clippings rooted in water
- Drill holes or puncture containers to eliminate standing water

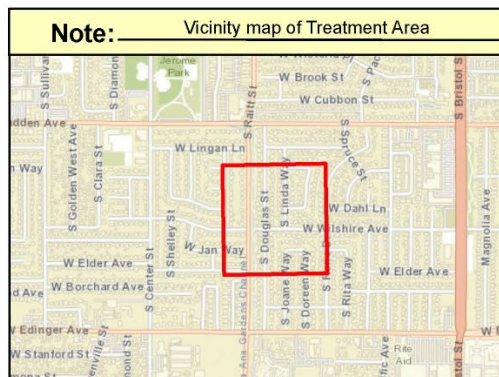
To prevent mosquito bites, OCMVCD offers the following tips:

- Apply mosquito repellent to exposed skin before going outdoors; reapply as recommended
- Wear repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus
- Close all unscreened doors and windows to prevent mosquitoes from entering the home or space; repair broken or damaged screens
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and opt for lighter-colored clothing

OCMVCD encourages residents to sign up for [VIP District email notifications](#). For more information, visit ocvector.org



Treatment Area, Santa Ana: August 10-11, 2022



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