

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

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Mosquitoes are Back. OCMVCD Helps Residents of All Ages Prepare for Mosquito Season With New Resources

Garden Grove, CA. In recognition of California Mosquito Control Awareness Week from April 17th to April 23rd, 2022, the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) developed an [education portal](#) on the District's website to educate and prepare residents for mosquito season by highlighting how to Tip, Toss, and Take Action.

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District created tools and resources for both adults and children to encourage the shared responsibility of mosquito control. During California Mosquito Awareness Week, OCMVCD will highlight one new element of the education portal each day. This will include:

- Educational sing-along videos
- Coloring pages
- Mosquito prevention tips, tricks, and challenges to encourage residents to Tip, Toss, and Take Action
- An exclusive look at Vector Important Publications (VIP), a new subscription service that will keep residents up-to-date on notifications and vector news

“California Mosquito Awareness Week is a great reminder that mosquitoes are here and as it gets warmer, we will see an increase in their populations. Now is the time for residents of all ages to take action and learn how to eliminate mosquito breeding sources on your property,” said Heather Hyland, OCMVCD Public Information Officer.

Residents should take the following precautions to help reduce the chances of being bit by mosquitoes: Tip, Toss and Take Action

- 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
- Do not transport or share plant clippings rooted in water
- Drill a hole or puncture containers to eliminate standing water

To prevent mosquito bites, the District 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 your home or space; repair broken or damaged screens
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and opt for lighter-colored clothing

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