

# Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

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## Rainfall and Rising Tempatures Can Mean More Mosquitoes

**Garden Grove, CA.** Recent rainfalls coupled with the anticipated warmer temperatures this week can result in increased mosquito activity in many Orange County communities. Officials from the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) urge residents to remain diligent in continuing to inspect and maintain their properties by eliminating all water-holding containers.

Mosquitoes only need small amounts of stagnant water to breed. A backyard container holding as little as a quarter inch of water for one week is very attractive to a female mosquito looking for a place to lay her eggs. To keep mosquito numbers down, residents should empty all containers filled with water, dump water from potted plant saucers, and replace their pet's water bowls regularly.

The District's surveillance confirm mosquitoes are breeding ahead of schedule and in higher volume in local cities. 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 and door screens are in good condition.

To report unusual numbers of mosquitoes, standing water in gutters, or unmaintained swimming pools, contact OCMVCD at (714) 971-2421, or visit the website at [OCVector.org](http://OCVector.org).

For more information, please contact the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District at (714) 971-2421 or (949) 654-2421, or visit [www.OCVector.org](http://www.OCVector.org).

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