



WEST VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL



The Valley Buzz!

Temperatures Are on the Rise – Meaning More Mosquitoes!

We are now seeing our typical temperatures as the last few weeks have been in the 90s and 100s, and this means we can expect to see increased mosquito activity.

As long as we have these warm days and nights, we can expect to be battling with mosquitoes. It is very important that we all work together to manage mosquitoes. Keeping your yard free of standing water, wearing a repellent, and calling us for help can make a big difference!

Dump Standing Water: Mosquitoes must have standing water to complete their life cycle. Eliminating potential sources is one of the most effective ways to reduce mosquitoes around the home.

Doors and Windows: Make sure door and window screens fit tightly and there are no holes/gaps in the screens. Also try to minimize the amount of time your doors (even garage doors) stay open. Mosquitoes will fly into garages and homes, just waiting for you to show up!



High day and especially night temps create prime conditions for mosquitoes

Yard Hygiene Important as Temperatures Increase

Recent temperature increases over the last few weeks have increased mosquito activity.

We are reminding our residents that removing standing water and yard hygiene is especially important now. *Aedes* mosquitoes are very quick to find and make use of any standing water, and they prefer small, hidden water spots.

Over the last few years, the District has found lots of breeding in flowerpot saucers, unused ornamental fountains, and various buckets, tires and other debris.

We encourage our residents to go check their yards weekly and dump any water they find as well as adding aquarium gravel (or small pebbles) to flowerpot saucers to reduce breeding sites. The District also encourages residents to call us for help, our technicians can root out breeding sites and determine the best way to help you!



Left: An unused fountain Right: Gravel in a flowerpot saucer

Taking the “Bite” out of Summer Concerts!

We have been enjoying the outdoor concerts provided by Chino Hills and Ontario, and our residents are enjoying visiting our table and getting their repellents! Repellents are definitely for more than the concerts though; they are an important part of Integrated Pest Management and should be a staple in everyone’s homes.

Repellents containing the active ingredients DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, and IR 3535 are the most tested, longest lasting, and most effective. We encourage you to try some different types to see what works best for you. So swing by the concerts, try some out, and then purchase some for the whole family!



Top: A couple pictures of enjoying the evening at Ontario Concerts!
Below: Tips for repellents.

