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Riverside County Vector Control Program will perform mosquito fogging this week

Due to the high number of mosquitoes found during routine trapping, Riverside County Vector Control Program will perform adult mosquito fogging treatments on Thursday (Sept. 17) in Nuevo. The treatments will be conducted between the hours of 5:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. in the residential neighborhood south of the Ramona Expressway and north of Tenth St. bordered by Reservoir Ave. and Sixth Ave. (See attached map for exact spray route, which are indicated by the red lines).

Treatments to several neighborhoods in Moreno Valley are planned for Friday (Sept. 18) and Tuesday (Sept. 22) between the hours of 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. each of those days. Neighborhoods north of the 60 freeway are scheduled for Friday, with the remaining areas south of the freeway scheduled for Tuesday (See attached maps for exact spray routes indicated by the red lines).

All neighborhoods will be posted with signs stating the dates and times of fogging to inform residents. Fogging is conducted by applying an ultra low volume mist from machines mounted in the back of marked county vehicles. The mist only targets adult mosquitoes.

The treatment is aimed at reducing the adult mosquito population. West Nile virus can be transmitted by adult mosquitoes. It is normal for West Nile virus to occur in Riverside County during summer months when mosquitoes are more prevalent. For current information on West Nile virus in Riverside County click on the following link:
The Department’s vector-control staff has intensified mosquito surveillance as well as efforts to control adult and immature mosquitoes in these areas to reduce the mosquito populations and interrupt the disease transmission cycle. Residents are encouraged to take an active role to reduce the threat of West Nile virus in their neighborhoods.

- Protect yourself against mosquito bites by using insect repellent. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535 according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Lemon eucalyptus oil should not be used on children under three years of age.
- Be aware of peak mosquito hours. Dawn and dusk are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities during that time.
- Clothing can help reduce mosquito bites. Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitoes away from skin.
- Mosquito-proof your home. Drain standing water because mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places for mosquitoes to breed by draining/discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools. Change water in birdbaths and pet bowls at least weekly.
- Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

Contact the Riverside County Vector Control program at (951) 766-9454 or your local vector-control district to report mosquito problems, request mosquito fish and report neglected pools or standing water as potential mosquito sources. Visit the department online at http://www.rivcoeh.org/Programs/vector to obtain more information.