

FIGHT THE BITE MOSQUITO CONTROL IN OCEANSIDE

The County of San Diego's Vector Control Program manages mosquito populations to reduce the spread of transmissible disease such as West Nile Virus. Throughout the summer, County Vector Control Technicians treat streams, marshes, lakes, reservoirs and rivers throughout the region to combat blood borne pathogens transmitted by mosquitos.



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County Vector Control Methods

The County uses a variety of techniques to control mosquito populations throughout its jurisdiction, including aerial application of larvicide by helicopter.

The larvicide is made of granules of naturally-occurring bacteria which target mosquito larvae in the water, do not drift, and are not toxic to people, pets, fish or other insects. This reduces the number of mosquitoes that can spread disease.

Mosquitos lay their eggs in still, stagnant water. You can help the County's efforts by eliminating any standing water on your property, such as ponded irrigation water or

rainfall that fills up buckets, tires, trash cans etc. The County will be applying larvicide in October at four-week intervals as needed through the end of the breeding season (winter rainy season).

Report Mosquito Concerns

The City of Oceanside works with the Vector Control Program to share information on citizen vector concerns and water quality issues that may support mosquito breeding; however, the County is

responsible for the treatment and application of mosquito controls. To report mosquito activity or breeding, or for general questions on treatment methods and application periods, please contact the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health – Vector Control Division at (858) 694-2888, or email vector@sdcounty.ca.gov.

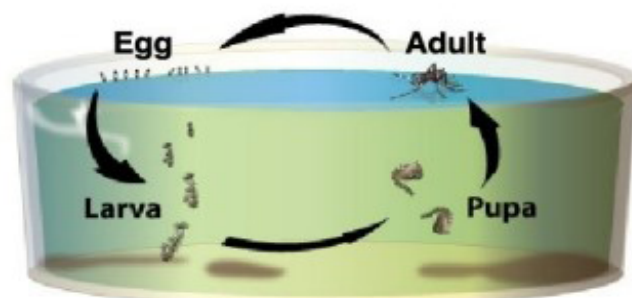


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