To prevent invasive Aedes *mosquitoes, remove standing water indoors and outdoors*

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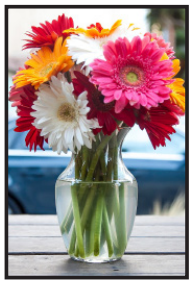
Protect Your Home From *Aedes* Mosquitoes

1 Prevent Breeding

Dump Out Standing Water

- Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water; larvae can survive even in small containers

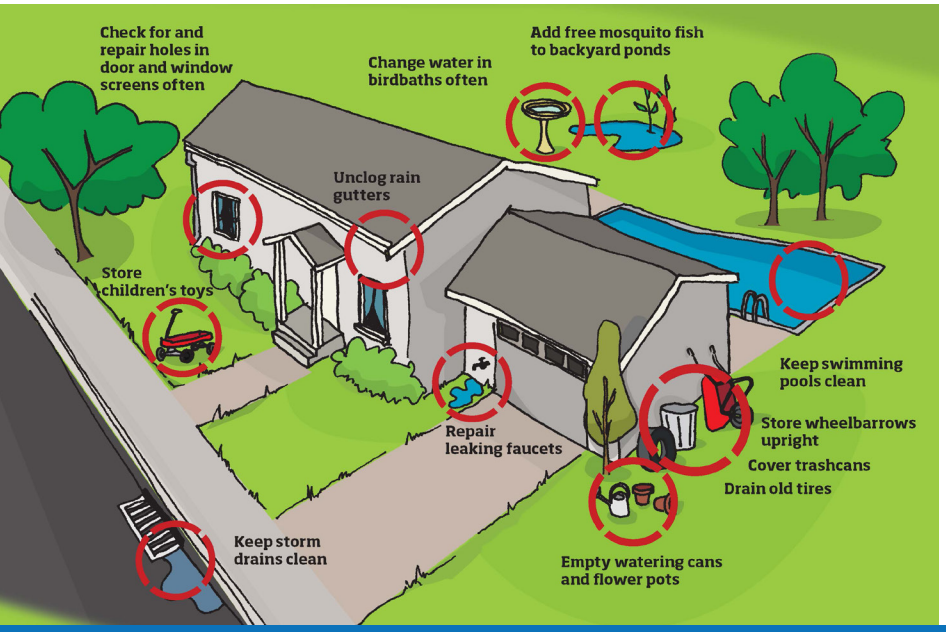


Indoors

- Change water weekly in pots, saucers, flower vases, and pet bowls
- Do not leave water out for longer than ***1 week***

Outdoors

- Dump out water that collects in unused toys, tires, storage containers, and buckets
- Cover trashcans and store wheelbarrows upright
- Circulate water in fountains and pools, or if unused, add mosquitofish
- Drain water from plant pots and saucers, and flush out water accumulated in bromeliads



- Remove water that has accumulated in puddles, on tarps, or in stored boats/vehicles
- Unclog rain gutters and repair leaking faucets and sprinklers
- Check and repair screens on rain barrel openings and prevent water from accumulating on or around rain barrels

2 Protect Yourself

- Check for and repair holes in door and window screens
- Wear longsleeved shirts, pants, socks and shoes when outside, even during the daytime

- Apply insect repellents such as DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 to skin and/or clothing (always use as directed on the product label)

3 Stay Informed!

Aedes mosquitoes

- Are black with white stripes
- Will bite during the day
- Breed indoors and outdoors
- Can spread diseases including Zika, dengue, chikungunya, yellow fever, and West Nile virus
- Will lay their eggs in small amounts of water
- Eggs can become adults in as little as ***1 week!***

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Aedes Mosquitoes

Invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes are not native to California. They are black with white stripes and aggresively bite people during the **day**, even indoors. They lay their eggs in water in and around homes, and can transmit Zika, dengue, chikungunya, yellow fever, and West Nile viruses. Join the fight against mosquitoes by eliminating standing water inside and around your home.

Prevent Mosquito Breeding

Pour Out Standing Water

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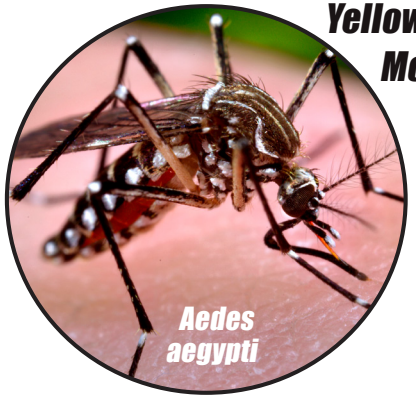
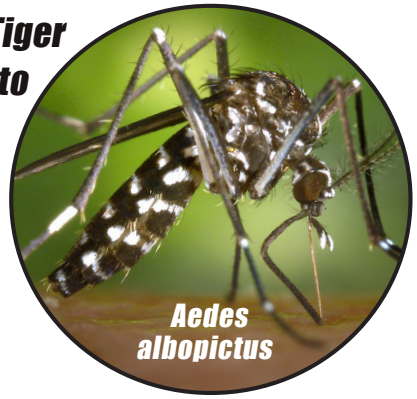
Invasive *Aedes* Mosquitoes





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