



Ventura County  
Environmental Health  
Division

# INVASIVE MOSQUITOES



*Aedes aegypti*



*Aedes albopictus*



Are you being bitten by  
black and white mosqui-  
toes during the day?

Are you noticing more  
mosquitoes than usual?

### Contact:

County of Ventura  
Environmental Health Division  
Vector Control Program

(805) 658-4310

Mosquito Complaint Hotline

(805) 662-6582

Mosquito Fish Request

<https://vcrma.org/invasive-aedes-mosquitoes>

## ALL ABOUT AEDES

- *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* are urban mosquitoes that feed primarily on humans
- They are aggressive day-biters found both indoors and outdoors
- They tend to bite ankles, wrists, and elbows
- Both species lay eggs in little amounts of water, as small as a bottle cap
- Eggs can survive up to **8-12 months** in dry conditions, allowing mosquitoes to survive through a drought

## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- *Aedes* mosquitoes are an invasive species that have made their way into many counties in California
- These mosquitoes can spread diseases including Zika, Chikungunya, and Dengue

# PREVENT

## Eliminate breeding sites

- Every week, dump and scrub containers that hold standing water
- Keep rain gutters free of debris
- Keep decorative fountains operational or drain the water
- Change water in animal watering dishes often
- Make sure yard drains are not clogged and collecting water

# Eliminate mosquito breeding sites around your home!

- ◆ Old tires
- ◆ Buckets
- ◆ Rain drums/barrels
- ◆ Pet dishes
- ◆ Tree holes
- ◆ Bird baths
- ◆ Flower pots
- ◆ Children's toys
- ◆ Roof gutters
- ◆ Cans and jars
- ◆ Garden containers & tools
- ◆ Tarps
- ◆ Unmanaged ponds
- ◆ Standing water
- ◆ Neglected pools/hot tubs

# PROTECT

- **Cover up:** Wear long sleeves and pants
- **Screens:** Make sure doors and windows have screens that fit tightly and do not have holes
- **Use insect repellent:** Apply repellent that has either DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 to exposed skin and/or clothing (as directed on the product label)

