

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

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OCMVCD Promotes California Mosquito Awareness Week as the Official Launch for the District Summer Campaign: Tip, Toss, Take Action

Garden Grove, CA. In recognition of the upcoming National Mosquito Control Awareness Week June 20 - June 26, 2021, the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) will launch an awareness campaign: Tip, Toss, Take Action. As mosquito season lengthens and Orange County continues to see the increase of the *Aedes* invasive mosquito, OCMVCD is taking a different approach to reach out to residents about the aggressive backyard breeder.

As part of the National Mosquito Awareness Week, OCMVCD will provide engaging social media posts to promote mosquito control as an essential service in public health:

- A public service announcement on how residents can take an active role in mosquito control
- Highlighted mosquito prevention tips and tricks and challenges to encourage residents to Tip, Toss and Take Action
- Fun trivia activities
- Short videos about the *Aedes* mosquito

“National Mosquito Awareness Week is an opportunity for the District to reach out to the community and increase the awareness of the message Tip, Toss, Take Action. These simple words mean: Tip standing water, Toss unneeded containers and Take Action by spreading the word and protecting yourselves with repellent to help prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases,” said Heather Hyland, OCMVCD Public Information Officer.

Residents should take the following precautions to help reduce the chances of being bitten by mosquitoes: Tip, Toss and Take Action

- Dump and drain any containers filled with water at least once a week
- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowls weekly
- Dump water from potted plant saucers
- Do not transport or share plant clippings rooted in water
- Drill a hole or puncture containers to eliminate standing water

To prevent mosquito bites, the District offers the following tips:

- Apply mosquito repellents to exposed skin before going outdoors; reapply as recommended
- Wear repellent containing DEET®, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus

- Close all unscreened doors and windows to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home or space; repair broken or damaged screens
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and opt for lighter-colored clothing

Residents are encouraged to sign-up for District email notifications. For more information, visit www.ocvector.org.

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