



Canyon County Mosquito Abatement District

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Mosquito Abatement District Asks for the Public's Help in Reducing Mosquito Populations in Their Neighborhoods

Overwatering and poorly adjusted sprinklers continue to drive mosquito production in residential areas despite the ongoing drought. "Bioswales, artificial containers, and other small back yard larval sites continue to be the most difficult for us to control effectively," said Jim Lunders, Director of Canyon County Mosquito Abatement District. "We need the public's help in eliminating as many of these sites as possible to limit the production of potential disease carrying mosquitoes.

Lunders explained that the Canyon County Mosquito Abatement District routinely treats thousands of mosquito larva development sites throughout Canyon County to reduce adult mosquito populations and the presence of vector borne diseases, however, the District is increasingly dealing with small cryptic urban sites that are not only more difficult to find and treat but are overwhelmingly the result of the misuse of the limited irrigation water that is available. "Anytime you see water running down the edge of the street it is most likely ending up in a storm drain, bioswale or ditch that will produce mosquitoes if untreated" said Lunders "the easiest and most cost effective way to eliminate mosquitoes in these areas is to ensure that sprinklers are properly adjusted eliminating the source of the problem".

As the temperatures rise the potential for West Nile virus transmission increases. Acting now to limit mosquito production in your neighborhood not only contributes to protecting yourself and your neighbors from mosquito-borne disease, but it also makes our backyards more enjoyable without the annoyance of mosquito bites. Lunders offered the following suggestions to reduce the risk of exposure to West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne diseases:

- Eliminate or treat all sources of standing water that can be a breeding ground for biting mosquitoes, such as:
 - flooded fields
 - birdbaths
 - wading & swimming pools not in use
 - clogged gutters
 - old tires

If it holds water for 7 days, it can produce mosquitoes.

- Wear repellents while outdoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when in mosquito-infested areas.
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, Picaridin or 2-undecanone, making sure to follow the directions on the container.
- Make sure all screen doors and windows are in good repair and fit tightly.
- Vaccinate horses for West Nile virus, Western Equine Encephalitis, and other diseases.
- Use EPA registered residual insect sprays on horses, making sure to follow the directions on the container.
- Have your livestock watering troughs stocked with mosquitofish for free by submitting a service request to CCMAD.
- Notify the District at 208-461-8633 if you have a site that is too large to be eliminated so it can be properly treated.

Additional information on mosquitoes and the diseases they carry can be found at:

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/health-wellness/diseases-conditions/west-nile-virus>

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.html>

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