



INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT



WARNING: Invasive Aedes mosquitoes have been found in Shasta County. We need your help!

Recently the Shasta Mosquito and Vector Control District detected *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in your area. Zika, dengue, and chikungunya viruses are spread to people through a bite of an infected *Aedes* mosquito. They are aggressive daytime biters and can also bite at night.

To lower your risk, get rid of places where mosquitoes lay their eggs and grow. *Aedes* mosquitoes are “container breeders” and prefer to lay eggs on the inside of water-filled containers or on stems of plants growing in water. These eggs can survive for YEARS, even when dry. Any item that can hold a teaspoon of water or more can grow mosquitoes.

Control Mosquitoes Around Your Home to Protect Yourself, and Your Family

- Eliminate standing water in and around your home and yard
- Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw away all items that hold water
- Check inside and outside your home



Mosquito Control Checklist-

Use this checklist to find and remove common water holding sites around your workplace, home, yard, balcony, and garden to stay mosquito free. Removing the eggs is critical to controlling these mosquitoes.

- **Potted plant saucers and decorative pots**
- **Buckets and other containers**
- **Trash cans and trash can lids**
- **Fountains, bird baths, ponds**
- **Water bowl for pets/water troughs**
- **Bromeliads and other plants that naturally collect and hold water**
- **Leaky hoses, sprinklers, add/or faucets**
- **Rain barrels, cisterns, and/or homemade water collection and storage containers**
- **Items stored outside around your home or yard**
- **Tires, miscellaneous items or junk**
- **Outdoor toys, tire swings, and basketball hoop bases**
- **Lilly pots and/or water gardens**
- **Swimming pool and/or spa**
- **Watering cans**
- **Lawn ornaments and/or lawn furniture**
- **Wheelbarrows**
- **Cover or tarps on boats, cars or recreational vehicles**
- **Treeholes and low areas with persistent puddling**
- **Rain gutters, yard drains, French drains**
- **Street gutters and potholes**

**For more information contact the District at (530) 365-3768
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