



A single green pool
can produce **millions** of
disease infected
mosquitoes and infect
an entire neighborhood!



District Map

**Protect Yourself
and Your
Neighbors!**

**Report Neglected
Swimming Pools!**

**Shasta Mosquito &
Vector Control District**

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Neglected Swimming Pools



Why are Neglected Swimming Pools a Problem?

Neglected swimming pools are not properly maintained with filtration and chemicals. These pools often collect debris and organic matter that leads to the growth of algae and bacteria. Water in these neglected pools typically turns green, brown or even black.



Neglected pools are a prime source for mosquito breeding.

Standing water is a source for mosquito production. Mosquitoes can carry and transmit West Nile virus and other important diseases. Mosquitoes that carry diseases like West Nile virus commonly lay eggs in neglected pools. The bacteria, algae and organic debris found in neglected swimming pools create a nutritious food source for the growth of mosquito larvae.

Unoccupied and foreclosed homes have resulted in neglected pools. These pools are difficult for mosquito control personnel to locate because they are in privately-owned backyards.

What Should I do About a Neglected Swimming Pool?



Call Shasta Mosquito & Vector Control District, (530) 365-3768. A technician will make every attempt to contact the homeowner and ask to inspect the pool. If mosquito larvae are found, the pool will be treated **free of charge**. The District does not disclose the name of the reporting party to the pool owner. You can also report neglected pools on the District's website: www.shastamosquito.org

Mosquitofish are used as a biological tool against larval or immature mosquitoes in neglected pools.



The District's Neglected Pool Procedure

Step 1. A neglected pool is discovered by someone reporting it or from the District's surveillance program.

Step 2. A technician will place notification for inspection of possible sources. If you receive a door hanger, please call so we can assist you in solving this issue.

Step 3. When the resident calls, the technician will make an appointment to inspect and treat if necessary.

Step 4. If the District has not heard from the resident, a warrant to inspect and abate will be posted on the front door. The resident has 24 hours to respond.

Step 5. After the 24 hour time period has been reached and there still has not been a response from the homeowner or resident, District personnel will enter the **exterior** of the property.

Step 6. At this time the swimming pool will be inspected; if mosquitoes are present, District staff will provide the appropriate treatment.

Why is the Swimming Pool Still Green?

Vector control technicians treat the pool to keep mosquito larvae from developing. This does not clean or change the color of the water, but it does prevent production of adult mosquitoes.