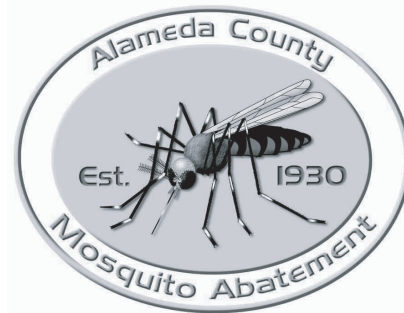


# Fight the Bite!



Spring is right around the corner and so is the start of the mosquito season! The Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District would like to remind residents to dump and drain any standing water. If you are storing rainwater for your plants, please make sure to exclude mosquitoes with a cover or window screen. If you or someone you know has an ornamental pond or water garden, contact Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District for free mosquitofish. For more mosquito related information, visit [www.mosquitoes.org](http://www.mosquitoes.org) or call the District at (510)783-7744.

## Mosquito control Matters.

Mosquitoes transmit disease to humans and animals, and can breed year round in the Bay Area.

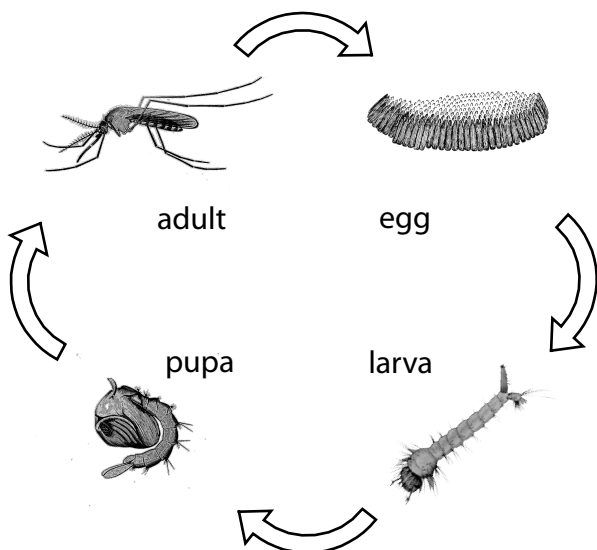
### Protect yourself from mosquito bites

- Wear mosquito repellent when outdoors
- When comfortable wear long sleeves & pants
- Avoid outdoor activities during peak mosquito biting times (often dusk & dawn)
- Keep door and window screens in good repair

### Please look for these mosquito breeding areas

- Fishpond      Keep your pond healthy, and get free mosquitofish from the District.
- Swimming pool and spas      Keep well maintained, or call us for advice on a neglected pool.
- Containers      Empty them, turn them over or get rid of them! These include buckets, barrels, boats, pots, saucers, etc.
- Bird baths      Change water at least once a week.
- Under house or in basement      Drain the water and correct leaky plumbing. This is a major source of mosquitoes in urban areas during the summer.
- Catchbasins and storm drains      Call us for advice on these sources.
- Sumps      Construct so that water does not stand.
- Standing water      Eliminate by draining or filling.
- Discarded tires      Dispose of them or cover to keep water out.
- Treeholes      Contact us or a licensed tree service for advice.

### Mosquito Life Cycle



Remember that mosquitoes must have standing water to grow!