

ALL ABOUT AEDES

- *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* are urban mosquitoes that feed primarily on humans
- They are aggressive day-biters found both indoors and outdoors
- They tend to bite ankles, wrists, and elbows
- Both species lay eggs in water holding containers as small as a bottle cap
- Eggs can survive more than **12 months** in dry conditions, allowing mosquitoes to survive through a drought

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- *Aedes* mosquitoes are an invasive species that have made their way into many counties in California
- These mosquitoes can spread diseases including Zika, Chikungunya, and Dengue
- Their ability to breed in and around our homes means residents must take action



Are you being bitten by black and white mosquitoes during the day?

Are you noticing more mosquitoes than usual?

Contact:

County of Ventura
Environmental Health Division
Vector Control Program
(805) 658-4310 Mosquito Complaint Hotline
(805) 662-6582 Mosquito Fish Request



<https://vcrma.org/invasive-aedes-mosquitoes>

INVASIVE MOSQUITOES



Aedes aegypti



Aedes albopictus



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PREVENT

Eliminate breeding sites

- Every week, dump and scrub containers that hold standing water—eggs can stick to containers after dumping
- Keep rain gutters free of debris
- Keep decorative fountains operational or drain the water
- Remove saucers under potted plants or fill with sand
- Make sure yard drains inlets are screened and outlets are clear

PROTECT

- **Cover up:** Wear long sleeves and pants
- **Screens:** Make sure doors and windows have screens that fit tightly and do not have holes
- **Use insect repellent:** Apply repellent that has either DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 to exposed skin and/or clothing (as directed on the product label)



Eliminate mosquito breeding sites around your home!

- ◆ Old tires
- ◆ Buckets
- ◆ Rain drums/barrels
- ◆ Pet dishes
- ◆ Tree holes
- ◆ Bird baths
- ◆ Flower pots
- ◆ Children's toys
- ◆ Roof gutters
- ◆ Cans and jars
- ◆ Garden containers & tools
- ◆ Tarps
- ◆ Unmanaged ponds
- ◆ Standing water
- ◆ Neglected pools/hot tubs

