



WARNING: Invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes are in Los Angeles County. We need your help!

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. A few infected mosquitoes can produce a local outbreak, putting you or your family at risk. People with Zika may or may not have symptoms, however, the virus can cause severe birth defects when a pregnant woman is infected.

Check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for TRAVEL WARNINGS. Infected Zika travelers may not get sick, but can still spread the virus to local mosquitoes and then to other people. Using repellent while traveling, and for several weeks after returning home is very important.

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. We need your help to KEEP ZIKA OUT of our communities.

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 job, home, yard, balcony, and garden to stay mosquito free. Removing the eggs is critical to controlling these mosquitoes.

- Potted plant saucers & decorative pots
- Buckets and other containers
- Trash cans and trash can lids
- Recyclables & recycle collection bins
- Fountains, birdbaths, ponds
- Water bowls for pets/water troughs
- Bromeliads and other plants that naturally collect and hold water
- Leaky hoses, sprinklers, and/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
- Covers or tarps on boats, cars or recreational vehicles
- Tree holes & low areas with persistent puddling
- Rain gutters/yard drains/French drains
- Street gutters & pot holes



Tightly cover water storage containers, so that mosquitoes can't get inside to lay eggs. Rain barrels must be tightly sealed at all entrances with 1/16th inch wire mesh and checked regularly.

Thank you for your support and cooperation! For more information please contact your local vector control district.



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