**ALL ABOUT AEDES**

- *Aedes* mosquitoes are an invasive species that have made their way into many counties in California.
- *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* are urban mosquitoes that feed primarily on humans.
- They are aggressive day-biters found both indoors and outdoors.
- They especially like to feed on ankles, wrists, and elbows.
- Both species lay eggs in small sources of water, as small as a bottle cap.
- Eggs can survive on the surfaces of containers for a long time. They hatch when the container fills with water.

**WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?**

- *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* are a major annoyance and a public health threat.
- These mosquitoes can spread diseases including Zika, dengue, and chikungunya.

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Contact your local vector control agency if you detect unusual numbers of mosquitoes or you are being bitten during the day.

**INVASIVE MOSQUITOES**

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**PREVENT**

Eliminate breeding sites
- Every week, dump and scrub containers that hold standing water
- Keep rain gutters free of debris
- Keep decorative fountains operational or drain the water
- Change water in animal watering dishes often
- Make sure yard drain pipes are not clogged and collecting water

**ELIMINATE MOSQUITO BREEDING SITES AROUND YOUR HOME!**

- Discarded cans/bottles
- Flower pots
- Buckets
- Garden tools
- Old tires
- Rain drums/barrels
- Tree holes
- Toys
- Pet dishes

**PROTECT**

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