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Protecting Public Health
West Valley Mosquito
and
Vector Control District

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The Valley Buzz

MANAGER'S MESSAGE:



As of mid-June, the District has yet to detect any West Nile virus. This is outstanding news! As always, I encourage everyone to continue to wear mosquito repellent when outdoors.

If you have a concern or question with your yard irrigation to prevent costly overflow, I encourage our residents to contact the Chino Basin Water Conservation District at www.cbwcd.org to schedule a FREE inspection and recommendation report.

For status updates on West Nile Virus in the District, please connect with us on Facebook or Twitter, or go to www.wvmvcd.org.

Dr. Michelle Brown

TECHNICIAN'S TIPS:

Irrigation and Urban Drool -

How many times have you driven down the street and seen rivulets of water pouring into gutters, draining down driveways, and flooding sidewalks? This wasteful, dry-weather runoff is known as "Urban Drool" and it is a huge contributor to mosquito breeding sources!

Over watering, broken sprinklers, and poorly planned irrigation force water into our storm drain systems, picking up trash, oils, and other organic waste along the way. Not only does this pollute the storm drains, but as the water collects in stormwater retention devices and depressions in the streets prime mosquito breeding sources are formed. These potential breeding sites do not dry up as they are constantly fed this urban drool, and they are often protected from temperature changes and natural mosquito predators.

Call the District and we can help; we'll treat any larvae and make recommendations to keep those pesky mosquitoes from coming back!



FROM OUR LABORATORY:

Mosquito Fish - A Real Skeeter Eater

Ponds can be a nice addition to any backyard, but it can also be a breeding site for mosquitoes if not properly maintained. A good form of biological control for ponds is the use of mosquito fish.

Gambusia affinis, commonly known as the mosquito fish, is a non-native species of fish in the California that is often used by Vector Control Districts to help regulate mosquito populations without the use of pesticide. These fish can only be used in closed water sources (i.e., ponds, pools, bird baths and fountains), as they can be invasive if put into open water sources. Mosquito fish will feed off mosquito larvae and pupa if you have any breeding in your ponds or pool to provide a form of mosquito control.

Contact the District if you would like some mosquito fish for your pond, pools or fountains!



OUTREACHING OUT TO YOU!

National Mosquito Control Awareness Week -

Are you ready for National Mosquito Control Awareness Week?

The last week of this month, June 23rd - June 29th, is National Mosquito Control Awareness Week and West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District has prepared fun and informative games for everyone!

The Outreach department has created new interactive games such as a mosquito ad-libs, crossword puzzle, spot the difference game and a find the mosquitoes game. We will be updating everything on our social media and website all week long. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat to join in on the fun for National Mosquito Control Awareness Week!

We look forward to seeing everyone participate in National Mosquito Control Awareness Week!

MOSQUITO CONTROL WARENESS WEEK



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While we face many challenges in public health, we are confident that with your continued support, cooperation, and friendship, we can continue to protect our residents in this vast and ever-changing landscape.

Thank you for supporting us over the years!

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