



Protect Coachella Valley. Together. Fight the **Bite!**



Are you ready for WNV this summer?

April 2014

The California Legislature and the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California have declared **April 20 through April 26** to be **West Nile Virus and Mosquito & Vector Control Awareness Week**. This Awareness Week kicks off the start of our busy mosquito season and is a reminder to California residents of the serious threat mosquitoes and other vectors pose to the health of our communities.

This year's warm winter increases the risk of earlier and more significant West Nile virus (WNV) transmission, so learn how to reduce the potential for WNV transmission and protect yourself.

How CVMVCD Is Helping You Stay Safe:

- State-certified staff **monitors and controls vectors** such as mosquitoes, the vectors of WNV, in urban and rural areas throughout the Valley.
- CVMVCD staff works diligently to **reduce mosquitoes in their early life stages** before they become flying, biting adults.
- The Public Outreach Department **distributes protection and prevention information** at community fairs, events, and at presentations to students and homeowners.

How You Can Help Stay Safe:

Community support is crucial to our success in mosquito control. Follow the **5 Ds of WNV prevention**:

1. **Dump/Drain** - Eliminate stagnant water because that's where mosquitoes breed.
2. **Dusk/Dawn** - Avoid outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active.
3. **Defend** - Apply insect repellents with EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET and Picaridin and wear long-sleeve shirts and pants when outdoors.
4. **Doors and windows** - Maintain screens around your home.
5. **District** - Report stagnant water sources to CVMVCD by calling (760) 342-8287 or (888) 343-9399 or email us at cvmosquito@cvmvcd.org

Pick up **FREE** informational brochures from your city hall, community center, senior center, and libraries and learn more about West Nile virus and how to protect yourself by exploring videos, informational materials, and more at cvmvcd.org/wnvawareness.htm

About Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

We are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for our community by providing effective and environmentally sound vector control and disease prevention programs through research, development, and awareness."

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