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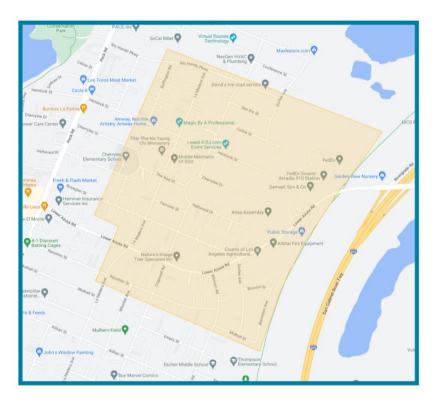
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Mosquito Control Treatment Scheduled in El Monte

El Monte, Calif. (October 2, 2024) — The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD/District) will be conducting residential mosquito control applications via truck in the city of El Monte. The application is being conducted in an effort to reduce the number of mosquitoes in the area and the risk of mosquito-borne disease in the community. SGVMVCD will use ultra-low volume adulticide and low volume larvicide applications to target mosquitoes at multiple stages to control the population and reduce the risk of mosquito-borne disease.

The truck-mounted treatment will be conducted Friday, October 4th and Monday, October 7th between the hours of 12AM – 5AM in the city of El Monte between Buffington Road and San Gabriel River trail, south of Rio Hondo Parkway and north of Ranchito Street. October 8th is being held as an alternate date; however, the treatments will only occur over two nights. SGVMVCD specialists will be applying <u>Aquaduet</u> which contains Sumithrin and Prallethrin, active ingredients formulated to mimic the properties in chrysanthemum flowers. Additionally, <u>VectoBac WDG</u> will be used, which contains *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *israelensis*, a naturally occurring bacterium found in soils. If weather conditions are not favorable, or if there are operational delays, the application may be postponed or delayed.





Mosquito Treatment Area El Monte

Friday, October 4th 12:00 AM - 5:00 AM and Monday, October 7th 12:00 AM - 5:00 AM

(Alternate) Tuesday, October 8th 12:00 AM - 5:00 AM

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Every effort will be made to notify residents in the treatment area through physical postings, social media, Nextdoor, and news media. The public is also encouraged to visit the District's website (<u>www.SGVmosquito.org</u>) for the latest information on mosquito activities.

Mosquito control is a shared responsibility and as mosquito activity increases, residents must take an active role in

reducing the threat of mosquito-borne diseases to themselves and in their neighborhoods.

Follow the tips below to reduce mosquito populations on your property:

- Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs, or anything that holds water for more than a week.
- Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained.
- Change the water in pet dishes, birdbaths, and other small containers weekly.
- Report neglected swimming pools in your neighborhood to your vector control district.

Follow the tips below to prevent mosquito bites:

- Apply mosquito repellent to exposed skin before going outdoors and reapply as recommended on the label.
- Wear insect repellent containing CDC and EPA approved active ingredients: DEET[®], Picaridin, IR3535, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.
- Wear loosely fitted, light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

For more information about the mosquito control treatment in El Monte, visit <u>www.PublicHealthMosquito.org</u>. Residents can contact the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District at 626-814-9466, online at SGVmosquito.org, or on social media: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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About SGVMVCD

SGVMVCD is one of five vector control districts in Los Angeles County. Year-round, the agency monitors stagnant water sources, such as gutters, storm drains, channels and non-functional swimming pools. The agency also routinely monitors populations of adult mosquitoes using traps and tests groups of adult female mosquitoes for the presence of mosquito-borne diseases.