

West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

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Early Rains can Increase Mosquito Breeding Sources

Oct 29 2010 – The sporadic rains encountered last week coupled with current increased temperatures may increase mosquito breeding later in the season than normal. The District recommends a “patrol” around your backyard and neighborhood for areas that may have filled up with water after the rains. Be on the lookout for any item that could hold rainwater, especially rain barrels, unused or drained swimming pools.

District Manager Min-Lee Cheng, Ph. D., said, “A small amount of rain like this can be troublesome for residents. We are especially concerned about empty swimming pools. Pools that were drained prior to the rains are likely to have a dangerous amount of water in the deep ends. It only takes a small amount of water to become a mosquito breeding hazard for a whole community.”

Without proper mitigation, pools and other areas filled with water can prolong our local mosquitoes’ breeding into early winter and even provide for “early nurseries” for mosquitoes next spring. For help with swimming pools or other areas that may be breeding mosquitoes, call the District at 909-635-0307.

One way to protect yourself from mosquito bites is to choose an effective repellent. When choosing a repellent, look for products that contain the active ingredient DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus or IR3535; all are exceptional at repelling mosquitoes. Be sure to read the application directions prior to use.

More information can be viewed at www.wvmosquito.org or www.wvmvcd.org. The District phone number is 909-635-0307. The office is located at 1295 East Locust St. Ontario CA, 91761 and is open Monday-Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM.