

# Love Your Home? Mosquitoes Love It, Too.

Private yards and patios are often the  
#1 source of mosquito problems

## Tip 'n Toss, Show Them Who's Boss!

Use the checklist  on the back to look for anything that can hold at least a teaspoon of water. When you find the items, you can choose one of three options:

1. Toss it.
2. Tip water out and store the container in a dry place.
3. For larger items, such as a fountain, empty or replace with fresh water weekly.

## Small Bites. Big Threats.

When the common house mosquito (*Culex*) bites, it can spread **West Nile virus** disease. Each year, West Nile virus makes people sick in Southern California, including San Gabriel Valley.



1/4 Inch  
Size of Adult  
Mosquito

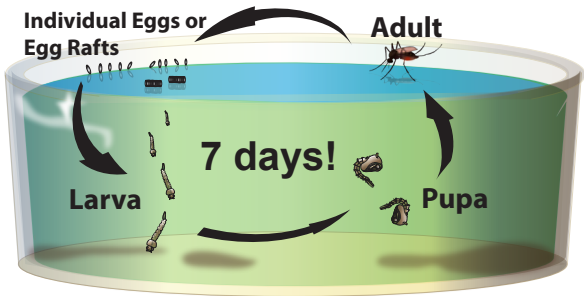
The invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes can spread:

- **Zika**
- **Yellow fever**
- **Chikungunya**
- **Dengue fever**



Some mosquitoes can transmit **canine heartworm** to dogs.

## Mosquito Problems Happen Quickly



### In one month...

A swimming pool can produce up to *3 million mosquitoes*

### In one week...

A bucket can produce up to *5,000 mosquitoes*

### But in only 10 minutes...

You can prevent this from happening. Tip 'n toss stagnant water and don't forget to put on insect repellent when outdoors!



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# Common Residential Mosquito Sources

*Use this checklist every week to keep your home mosquito-free*



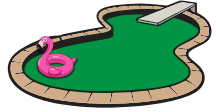
- Bromeliads and other plants that naturally collect and hold water



- Potted plant saucers

- Rain Barrels

- Swimming pool and/or spa



- Fountains / Birdbaths

- Ponds

- Recyclables and recycle collection bins

- Trash cans and trash can lids



- Garbage or “junk”

- Wheelbarrows

- Old Tires



- Pet water bowls

- Toys and kids' playsets



- Watering cans

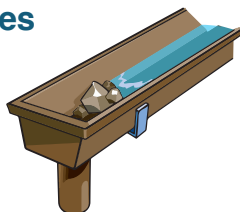
- Buckets and other containers

- Lawn ornaments and lawn furniture

- Leaky hoses, sprinklers, and faucets

- Covers or tarps on boats, cars, and recreational vehicles

- Rain gutters



- Drains

- Street gutters and pot holes