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# Swimming Pool *Routine Inspection*

Swimming pools are some of the more common breeding sites for mosquitoes in suburban neighborhoods. Under the right conditions a single pool can produce up to **3,000,000** mosquitos in one month. This staggering number is more than enough to make a significant impact on the entire neighborhood.



Our District monitors and inspects over 8,000 swimming pools to ensure that the condition of the pools will not allow mosquitos to grow. In addition to our extensive database of existing pools we also utilize aerial surveillance, foreclosure reports and information from local code enforcement agencies to give us the most current information.

During a routine inspection our Specialists will look at the condition of the swimming pool. They will not only check to see if mosquitos are currently growing but also if the condition of the pool will allow mosquitos to grow there in the future.

Only two conditions will guarantee mosquitos will not grow: **Clean and Functional** or **Empty and Dry**. All other conditions will require corrective action by the resident. We understand that extenuating circumstances may arise that will create a temporary violation. Our goal is to work with residents during this time to ensure that no mosquitos grow while corrective action is completed. Together we can prevent swimming pools from becoming mosquito factories.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation!

**For more information please call or visit our website**



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## *Clean & Functional*



**A clean and functional pool is the BEST way to stay mosquito free**

- A clean and functional pool must have a working pump and filtration system and a regular chemical treatment. Water must be clear with little to no algae and/or debris.
- If the pool does not meet these criteria the resident must make corrections or improvements and an appointment will be scheduled for a follow-up inspection.

## *Empty & Dry\**

*\*Swimming pools without water are prone to costly structural damage. The District in no way recommends that anyone empty their pool and encourages residents to research the negative impact of removing the water.*



**Empty pools need regular maintenance to stay mosquito free and may require multiple inspections throughout the year**

An empty pool can be difficult to maintain. Any water that accumulates in the pool over time will quickly become a perfect environment for growing mosquitoes. Leaves and debris that blow into the empty pool will become food for the growing mosquitoes as soon as water is introduced. For these reasons the District requires that residents who decide to empty their pools keep them completely dry and clear of debris.

- The pool must be checked regularly by the resident for standing water. All water must be removed as soon as possible.
- Mosquitoes will continue to lay eggs throughout our mild California winters so the pool will need to be emptied between rains. Standing water should not be left for more than 96 hours.
- Any debris or standing water in the pool upon inspection will require corrective action by the resident and an appointment will be scheduled for a follow-up inspection.

**A pesticide treatment will be necessary if any signs of mosquito breeding are observed. The treatment only provides a temporary solution and corrective action will be required immediately by the resident. An appointment will be scheduled for a follow-up inspection to insure corrective action has been taken.**