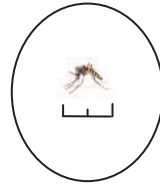


## ALL ABOUT *Aedes*

- ◆ *Aedes* mosquitoes are an invasive species that have made their way into many counties in California.
- ◆ *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* are urban mosquitoes that feed primarily on humans.
- ◆ They are aggressive day-biters found both indoors and outdoors.
- ◆ They especially like to feed on ankles, wrists, and elbows.
- ◆ Both species lay eggs in small sources of water, as small as a bottle cap.
- ◆ Eggs can survive on the surfaces of containers for a long time. They hatch when the container fills with water.

## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

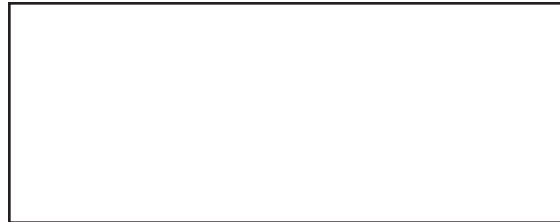
- ◆ *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* are a major annoyance and a public health threat.
- ◆ These mosquitoes can spread diseases including Zika, dengue, and chikungunya.



1/8-1/4 inch

Actual size of mosquito

**Contact your local vector control agency if you detect unusual numbers of mosquitoes or you are being bitten during the day.**



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# INVASIVE MOSQUITOES



*Aedes aegypti*



*Aedes albopictus*

# PREVENT

## Eliminate breeding sites

- ◆ Every week, dump and scrub containers that hold standing water
- ◆ Keep rain gutters free of debris
- ◆ Keep decorative fountains operational or drain the water
- ◆ Change water in animal watering dishes often
- ◆ Make sure yard drain pipes are not clogged and collecting water

# PROTECT

- ◆ **Cover up:** Wear long sleeves and pants when outdoors
- ◆ **Screens:** Make sure doors and windows have screens that fit tightly and do not have holes
- ◆ **Use insect repellent:** Apply repellent with active ingredients DEET, picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus to exposed skin and/or clothing (as directed on the product label)



# ELIMINATE MOSQUITO BREEDING SITES AROUND YOUR HOME!

- ◆ Discarded cans/bottles
- ◆ Garden tools
- ◆ Tree holes
- ◆ Flower pots
- ◆ Old tires
- ◆ Toys
- ◆ Buckets
- ◆ Rain drums/barrels
- ◆ Pet dishes

Anything that holds water!

