

Prevent Mosquito Problems

- Dump, drain, or treat all standing water
- Inspect and repair sump pumps and plumbing under buildings
- Turn over, cover, or dispose of small containers
- Stock ponds, fountains, water troughs, and unused pools with mosquitofish
- Keep waterfalls and fountains circulating
- Chlorinate, filter, cover, or drain unused swimming pools
- Change water in birdbaths and pet water bowls weekly
- Keep gutters clear of leaves and debris
- Repair leaks that can create standing water
- Fill tree holes with sand
- Avoid over-watering lawns and gardens
- Drain or fill in low areas that collect water
- Screen or cover rain barrels and other water collection containers

District services are free to residents of San Mateo County. To request services:

Call (650) 344-8592

Visit www.smcmvcd.org

San Mateo County Mosquito & Vector Control District

Protecting Public Health since 1916

The San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District is an independent special district devoted to safeguarding the health and comfort of the citizens of San Mateo County through a planned program to reduce mosquitoes and other vectors of disease.

OUR SERVICES

for San Mateo County Residents

Mosquito Surveillance & Control

Free Mosquitofish Delivery

Tick Identification & Education

Insect Identification & Education

Rodent Inspections & Surveys

Yellowjacket Control

Public Education

Vector-Borne Disease Surveillance



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DISTRICT SERVICES

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EFFECTIVE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE MOSQUITO CONTROL

A lot has changed in the last century in mosquito control. With a better understanding of mosquito biology and the environment, modern mosquito management methods focus on preventing problems before they occur.

Today, the District controls mosquitoes through a program of integrated vector management, combining surveillance with physical, biological, and chemical control methods. This program focuses on controlling mosquitoes in their aquatic larval stages, which has many benefits:

LOWER TOXICITY

Larval control materials are safer for the environment and highly specific to mosquitoes.

LESS PESTICIDE USE

Materials are applied to a smaller area than would be required for adult mosquitoes.

LESS DISEASE RISK

Targeting immature mosquitoes kills them before they are capable of spreading disease.

Control of mosquitoes by the District is conducted only by state-certified vector control technicians.

RODENT INSPECTIONS

Rats and mice live on our food and waste products and inhabit our buildings. They can cause serious damage to structures, equipment, furniture, and utilities. Rodents also have the potential to spread a wide variety of diseases to humans.

The District provides free residential rat and mouse inspections upon request. Residents will receive a detailed report of any signs of rat or mouse activity found, as well as advice from an expert technician.

Rodent-Proofing Your Property

Rodents will seek areas where they can find food, water, and shelter. Restricting rodents' access to these resources is the best way to prevent them from infesting your property.

- Keep rodents out of structures by sealing all openings larger than a nickel
- Cover all garbage cans
- Harvest fruit as soon as it ripens, and pick up fallen fruit
- Don't leave birdseed on the ground
- Store wood and lumber at least 18" above the ground and 12" from walls or fences
- Never leave pet food out overnight, and store it in closed metal containers
- Keep all vegetation trimmed away from roofs, walls, fences, poles, and trees

OTHER VECTORS

The District maintains proactive monitoring and control programs to defend the residents of San Mateo County from a variety of non-mosquito vector-borne public health threats.

Ticks

Ticks are monitored in San Mateo County parks and on trails. District staff conduct surveys for ticks and test them for disease agents such as the Lyme disease bacterium. Educational outreach efforts are targeted at regions of elevated risk.

Yellowjackets

Yellowjackets and other stinging insects can cause life-threatening allergic reactions in many people. Although the District does not control beneficial bees or non-aggressive wasps, District staff will eradicate the underground nests of aggressive yellowjacket species on residential properties or high-use public areas.

Insect Identification

District entomologists offer information on the dangers, benefits, and control options for any insect or other arthropod submitted by the public for identification.

If you need an insect identified, contact the District at (650) 344-8592. It is best if the organism is intact, either alive or dead. Please include your name, contact information, and the address, park, or recreation area where your specimen was found.