



# Avoiding Container Breeding Mosquitoes in Your Backyard

## THE YELLOW FEVER MOSQUITO

The Yellow Fever Mosquito was discovered in nearby Menlo Park (San Mateo County) in 2013. In 2015 they were found in the industrial area of Hayward (Alameda County). As of May 2015, 10 California counties have recorded Yellow Fever Mosquito infestations, eight of which still have active breeding populations. None have been found in Santa Clara County. However, Vector Control continues to monitor for this serious invasive pest.

## MEET THE ENEMY



*Aedes aegypti*  
"Yellow Fever Mosquito"

*Aedes albopictus*  
"Asian Tiger Mosquito"



- Black with white stripes
- Bite during the day
- Carriers of viruses that cause Yellow Fever, Dengue Fever, Chikungunya, and Zika.

## REDUCE BREEDING SOURCES



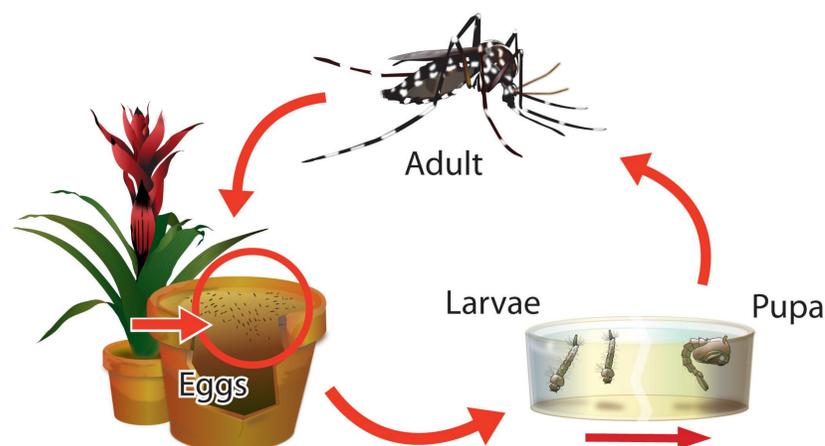
On a weekly basis, **dump or drain standing water** in bird baths, plant pots and their saucers, vases, and buckets. Keep a clean yard and discard tires, bottles, cans, etc. that can hold water. Unclog rain gutters and cover rain barrels. Tree holes can be filled with sand. Vector control offers free home/yard inspections.

## THE ASIAN TIGER MOSQUITO

The Asian Tiger Mosquito was detected in Gilroy in 2001 and in Mountain View in 2003. Both mosquito detections were successfully eradicated in Santa Clara County after extensive trapping and monitoring. However, this mosquito has established itself in other parts of the state.

## THESE MOSQUITOES CAN BREED IN JUST A TEASPOON OF WATER

Aedes mosquitoes can go from an egg to an adult in as little as 7 days.



Do you think you have seen one of these?  
Are you being bitten during the day or in your home?

Call or request service through the Santa Clara County Vector Control website

[www.sccvector.org](http://www.sccvector.org)  
408-918-4770

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- When outdoors, **wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts.**
- **Apply insect repellent** containing DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus, IR3535, or picaridin according to label instructions.
- Make sure that doors and windows have **tight-fitting screens.** Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.