COMMON STANDING WATER SOURCES AROUND THE HOUSE

Backyards are the #1 source for mosquito production. Anything that can hold water for more than five to seven days has the ability to produce mosquitoes. Maintain, manage or eliminate all types of standing water on a regular basis. Keep in mind that mosquitoes need as little as half an inch of water to complete their life cycle, therefore some areas may not be as obvious as others.

Common sources include:

- Flower Pots
- Tree Holes
- Discarded Tires
- Water Bowls for Pets
- Plant Saucers
- Hollow Bamboo Stumps
- Buckets
- Ponds
- Tin Cans
- Bird Baths
- Rain Barrels
- Clogged Rain Gutters
- Ornamental Fountains
- Wheelbarrows



Butte County Mosquito & Vector Control District Since 1948

The District covers over 1600 square miles, and includes all of Butte County, except the small areas served by the Durham and Oroville Mosquito Abatement Districts, which were formed earlier. The District also includes the Hamilton City area of Glenn County. In April of 1994, "Vector Control" was added to the District name to reflect the additional disease surveillance and information now provided.

OUR MISSION

The mission of BCMVCD is primarily to suppress mosquito-transmitted disease and to also reduce the annoyance levels of mosquitoes and diseases associated with ticks, fleas and other vectors through environmentally compatible control practices and public education.



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PREVENTING MOSQUITO BITES



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DRAIN any standing water that may produce mosquitoes around your home, especially after it rains.

DAWN and **DUSK** are times to avoid being outside, when mosquitoes are out and about and looking to bite.

DRESS appropriately by wearing lightcolored long sleeves and pants when outdoors. Thicker fabrics and looser fits offer more protection than thin clothing that fits tightly.

DEFEND yourself against mosquitoes by using an effective insect repellent. Focus the repellent on your ankles, feet, lower legs and wrists — thin-skinned spots mosquitoes love to bite. *Make sure you follow the repellent label's directions!*

DOOR and window screens should be in good working condition and free of holes and tears. This will prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

DISTRICT personnel are available to address any mosquito problem you may be experiencing by calling (530) 533-6038 or visit us online at www.buttemosquito.com.









THE RIGHT REPELLENT

Read the repellent labels and consider how much time will you need to be protected from biting insects as well as what type of activities will you be performing during the time of protection.

Be sure to use a product with a protection time that fits your activity and always follow the label directions to ensure proper use.

REPELLENT SAFETY

- Apply repellents only to exposed skin and/or clothing.
- Do not apply repellents over cuts, wounds or irritated skin.
- Do not spray repellent directly on your face, spray on your hands and then apply to face. Use repellent spray sparingly around eyes, mouth and ears.
- Do not allow children to handle repellent and do not apply to children's hand. Apply repellent to your own hands first and then put it on the child.
- Use separate repellent and sunscreen products because they need to be reapplied at different times.

