

Warmer weather prompts mosquito breeding season



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Warmer weather is creating ideal conditions for mosquitoes to breed and the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District is turning to citizens to help curb the breeding of the dangerous pests.

It is not quite the time of year when West Nile Virus emerges - that will not likely happen until June - but mosquito eradicating planes are already out spraying insecticides to crush populations.

But they cannot do it all so they are asking people to be proactive and help them by eliminating standing water in their yards and properties.

"We've got urban mosquitoes that are going to breed in backyard sources - un-maintained swimming pools, un-maintained hot tubs, 5 gallon containers in your backyard, old tires," said Doug Weseman, assistant manager of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District. "It's good to walk around your yard and check these sources out and drain any standing water you have in your backyard."

The vector control district offers free mosquito fish at their facility in Oroville for citizens who have standing water around their home they just can't get rid of.

Weseman also said if anyone has a particularly nasty mosquito problem or is perhaps having a party or get together and would like mosquito control to come out and spray, they offer on call services to do just that.

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