

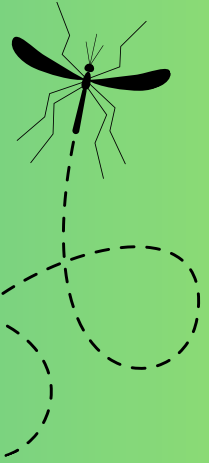
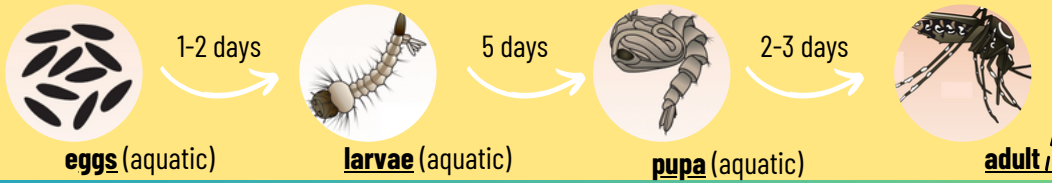


NEWSLETTER



BEWARE THE BUZZ

Did you know? Mosquitos are the deadliest animals in the world. These insects leave itchy bites and have the potential to transmit diseases - such as West Nile Virus and malaria - to people and pets alike. This summer, keep an eye out for mosquitos, in all their forms, both in the air and around stagnant waters.



#GAME ON MOSQUITOS

Take action against mosquitos with help from...

YOU

- Buy or make your own mosquito repellent
- Identify mosquito breeding sites in your home
- Remove stagnant water on property

YOUR COMMUNITY

- Start a Mosquito Watch program in your neighborhood
- Participate in local outreach events
- Raise awareness online and canvas in person

VECTOR CONTROL

- Request a home inspection
- Request mosquitofish for property with stagnant water
- Sign up for county notifications



WEST NILE WATCHOUT

Each year, **150-300** Los Angeles County residents contract **West Nile Virus (WNV)** - majority of which can be traced to mosquito contact. Symptoms of WNV include fever, fatigue, body pain, and can lead to deadly complications such as meningitis. Elderly and immunocompromised individuals are especially at risk for severe WNV. Lower your risk by:

- Clearing out where mosquitos lay eggs
- Use mosquito repellent or wear long sleeves
- Maintain door and window screens to prevent home invasion



OTHER PESTS TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR!

Where are they found? Why should I look out? How do I protect myself and loved ones?

BLACK FLIES



Where? Near running rivers and streams.

Why? Black flies can cause painful bites and swelling.

How? Wear bug repellent and light colored clothes.

BATS

Where? In urban and suburban areas, may hide in attics or garages.

Why? Bats can transmit deadly diseases like rabies.

How? If a bat (living or dead) is inside your home, call Animal Control immediately.

Do not touch the bat with bare hands under any circumstances.



RATS



Where? May infest homes, backyards, trees, and fences.

Why? Rats can spread diseases (like hantavirus and monkeypox) and damage property.

How? Remove sources of food and shelter that may attract rats. Use snap traps or contact an exterminator if necessary.

Spray S.A.F.E!

When using bug repellent be sure to stay S.A.F.E:

Spray on exposed skin in a well ventilated area

Avoid applying onto cuts or sunburned skin

Follow all instructions on the repellent label carefully

Employ a DEET-based spray for maximum effectivity

