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**WARM WEATHER BRINGS MOSQUITOES OUT  
ABANDONED SWIMMING POOLS ARE TARGETED**  
*--Home foreclosures pose a significant problem in the area*

**ELK GROVE, Calif.** February 8, 2008--- The weather is warming up and with temperatures rising to the mid sixties for the next few days, mosquitoes that have been hibernating during the winter months will be coming out looking for their first meal, which could be you! That's why the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District reminds the public to "drain after every rain".

Household water management is critical during this time of year, as late rains followed by warm temperatures create the ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes. "At least once a week, it's important to empty containers around the house that may collect water such as buckets, flower pots and old tires," District Manager, David Brown said. "For those who plan to be outdoors enjoying the warm weather when mosquitoes are most active, specifically at dawn or dusk, remember to apply an effective mosquito repellent. "

Of special concern are the high numbers of foreclosed homes in the area that have abandoned swimming pools. For the past few months, the District has been working closely with various city and county agencies to obtain lists of foreclosed homes with pools. "Pools are a significant threat because if left un-attended, they can produce thousands of mosquitoes" Brown said. "With foreclosure rates on the rise, this could be a significant problem during the hot summer months." In 2007, over 1000 pools were found to be producing mosquitoes and required treatments by District field technicians. To report an abandoned swimming pool, please call 1-800-429-1022 or fill out a service request online at [www.FIGHTtheBITE.net](http://www.FIGHTtheBITE.net).

The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District provides year round mosquito and vector control services. The main goal for the District is to keep the public healthy by preventing the transmission of diseases and improving the quality of life for residents of Sacramento and Yolo counties.

**District's 7Ds of mosquito prevention:**

**DRAIN** any standing water that may produce mosquitoes.

**DAWN** and **DUSK** are times to avoid being outdoors.

**DRESS** appropriately by wearing long sleeves and pants when outside.

**DEFEND** yourself against mosquitoes by using an effective insect repellent, such as DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. Make sure you follow label directions!

**DOOR** and window screens should be in good working condition.

**DISTRICT** personnel are also available to address any mosquito problem you may be experiencing by calling 1-800-429-1022 or visiting the District online at FIGHTtheBITE.net.

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