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DRAIN AFTER EVERY RAIN TO PREVENT MOSQUITOES
-- Foreclosed homes and neglected pools are still a problem

Elk Grove, Calif.— The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District reminds the public to “drain after every rain” to prevent mosquitoes! Wet weather followed by warm temperatures creates an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes, so it becomes necessary to have good water management practices around the house. “We’re starting to see many mosquitoes now,” said David Brown, District Manager. “Mosquitoes that have been resting all winter are coming out ready to bite and begin their cycle”. With the rain over the weekend, the District urges all residents to inspect their homes and drain any standing water from household containers such as buckets, cans, flower pots and old tires that might be in their back yard.

Foreclosed homes and neglected swimming pools continue to be a problem for the District. In 2008, over 2000 pools were found to be producing mosquitoes and required treatment. With many homes still vacant in the area, it is expected that District personnel will spend many hours treating pools this upcoming season. “Swimming pools and common backyard sources such as piles of garbage or old tires pose major problems for us. We really need the public’s help in identifying these sources so we can take care of them,” said Brown.

To report a neglected swimming pool or other mosquito breeding problems, please call 1-800-429-1022 or fill out a service request online at www.FIGHTtheBITE.net

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Practice the District D's of Mosquito Prevention:

DRAIN 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 by using an effective insect repellent. Make sure to follow label directions!

DOOR and window screens should be in good working condition.

DISTRICT personnel are also available to address any mosquito problems. Call them at 1-800-429-1022 or visit www.FIGHTtheBITE.net