

# MOSQUITO BREEDING PREVENTION GUIDELINES FOR USED/WASTE TIRES

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Used and waste tires can be a significant breeding source for disease carrying mosquitoes if improperly stored and allowed to accumulate water.

Mosquitoes frequently found in used/waste tires are capable of transmitting potentially deadly diseases such as West Nile virus, Western Equine Encephalitis and St. Louis Encephalitis.

Under California Law, civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per day can be assessed to facilities that allow tires to breed mosquitoes, regardless of the number of tires stored at any given location.

## Storage Recommendations:

- Never allow water to accumulate in tires. Tires should be stored in a covered location or covered by a tarp in order to prevent the accumulation of water from rain, sprinklers, etc.
- Tires should never be stored in a pile. Tires should be stored on racks or in a stack not more than two rows wide.
- Tires should be stored in a manner that allows inspections of each individual tire.
- Waste tires should be picked up by the proper disposal entity on a regular basis.
- Proprietors should inspect and dump out any water that may have accumulated inside tires on their premises on a weekly basis.
- For questions or concerns please contact Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District at 1-800-429-1022 or visit us online at [FIGHTtheBITE.net](http://FIGHTtheBITE.net)
- To report a dead bird call 1-877-WNV BIRD or visit the California Department of Health Services online at [westnile.ca.gov](http://westnile.ca.gov)

