

INVASIVE AEDES MOSQUITO AWARENESS



TOP FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ZIKA

San Fernando may seem far from the Zika troubles, but the mosquito *threat* may be closer than you think. Here are five things you need to know about this disease as a resident of the City of San Fernando.

- #5 The mosquitoes that can transmit Zika are in Los Angeles County. They're called *Aedes* mosquitoes and they're spreading rapidly through California.
- #4 You can identify these mosquitoes easily. Look for small, black mosquitoes with white stripes. Also, the mosquitoes bite aggressively during the daytime.
- #3 As of early spring, there have been no outbreaks of Zika, dengue, chikungunya or yellow fever in L.A. County. The only cases so far have been residents infected while traveling abroad and coming back home sick.
- #2 You're not alone in this fight. Vector control is monitoring and controlling populations of mosquitoes in public areas such as parks, street gutters and rivers. Vector control ecologists collect mosquitoes from traps and send the mosquitoes to test for diseases.
- #1 Take control of your home, now! Get rid of the very thing they need to lay their eggs: Standing water. You can find standing water in things like buckets, plant saucers, broken fountains and old tires. Mosquito control is a shared responsibility. Vector control cannot do this alone. Join your neighbors and fight back.

If you are still experiencing mosquito issues, you can contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at 562-944-9656 or www.ReportMosquitoes.org. Let's work together to stop this *Aedes* infestation from spreading.