



ABOUT US



CONTRA COSTA
**MOSQUITO
& VECTOR
CONTROL**
DISTRICT



PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH SINCE 1927

The Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District is a public health agency dedicated to protecting the community from mosquitoes and other vectors of disease. The District was founded by Contra Costa County residents in 1926. The District opened in 1927 and we've been protecting public health ever since. Today, we continue to provide public health services to the county's more than 1 million residents, covering 716 square miles. Funded through property taxes and benefit assessments, the District provides public health services for mosquitoes, rats and mice, ground-nesting yellowjackets, ticks, and skunks. Our trained and certified employees work daily to reduce the risk of diseases spread by insects and other animals by controlling them in a responsible, environmentally-conscious manner. It's all part of our Integrated Vector Management program, in which we use the most efficient and effective state-of-the-art protocols and products.

A vector is defined as an insect or animal that can cause disease or discomfort to people or other animals.



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

District programs and services are funded by tax dollars and are therefore provided at no additional charge to county residents.

MOSQUITOES



Contra Costa County's diverse ecological regions create a range of mosquito sources. The District regularly surveys more than 10,000 acres of marshland along the waterfront, acres of irrigated farmland, and numerous ponds, creeks, and residential sources countywide. Upon request for service, the District will check the property for mosquito problems and provide advice on controlling their populations, including placement of mosquitofish in residential water features.

With 23 different kinds of mosquitoes that inhabit a variety of water sources, it's helpful that the resident provides our District employee with a mosquito sample that can be identified to determine its possible source. Simply swat a mosquito and place it in a plastic bag or tape it to a piece of paper for the District employee.



RATS AND MICE



Residents, business owners, or any group in Contra Costa County can request a site visit to assist them with rat and mouse issues. During the service, a District employee will observe the outside of the property for signs of rats and mice (rats and mice need not be present) and provide advice. District employees provide valuable, detailed information, guidance, and recommendations.



SKUNKS



In an effort to reduce the risk of rabies transmission, the District works with residents to discourage skunks from visiting their property. District employees survey properties, provide guidance and recommendations.



YELLOWJACKETS



The District provides confirmation and control of ground-nesting yellowjackets only. Yellowjackets are beneficial insects that eat garden pests and pollinate crops through daily foraging; however, when threatened they will bite and sting repeatedly.



TICKS

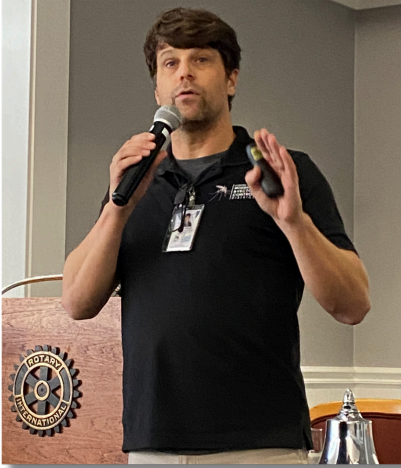


The District provides tick identification services to the public and doctors. People who are concerned about possible Lyme disease infections should contact their physician.

Information about testing ticks may be found at the California Department of Public Health's website: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov>. Several commercial laboratories will test ticks for Lyme disease for a fee. Visit contracostamosquito.gov/tick-testing-laboratories for more information.

PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS

District staff work closely with county constituents. Staff provide general and tailored presentations to various groups and school children of 12 or more people at no additional charge. District personnel also participate in a variety of events, workshops, and community discussions.



DID YOU KNOW?

The District is a special district and not a county entity.

HOW SPECIAL DISTRICTS WORK - THEY ARE:

- Formed by local residents to provide local services
- Sanctioned by the State of California Government Codes
- Agencies that can be the most economical means of providing public service
- Independent, self-governed agencies governed by a board of trustees
- Operated as non-profit organizations
- Responsible directly to the people
- Accountable - Accessible - Efficient

THE DISTRICT'S GOVERNING BOARD

The District is governed by a Board of Trustees, each representing one of the incorporated cities in Contra Costa County or the county at large. Each trustee is appointed by a city council or by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS

Submit Your Email Address and receive invasive *Aedes aegypti* Mosquito Notifications, Board Meeting Agendas, Mosquito Bytes Newsletters, Mosquito Control Notifications, or District News Releases - or receive all five. Choose the type or types communication you want to receive, delivered to your email inbox for free. Opt in and opt out at any time.

Visit the District's website at ContraCostaMosquito.gov or scan the QR code:



WE NEED



YOU



Dump Out ANY Amount of Standing Water to Prevent Mosquitoes



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ABOUT CONTRA COSTA MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

Protecting Public Health Since 1927

Early in the 1900s, Northern California suffered through epidemics of encephalitis and malaria, and severe outbreaks of saltwater mosquitoes. At times, parts of Contra Costa County were considered uninhabitable resulting in the closure of waterfront areas and schools during peak mosquito seasons. Recreational areas were abandoned and Realtors had trouble selling homes. The general economy suffered. As a result, residents established the Contra Costa Mosquito Abatement District, which began service in 1927.

Today, the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District continues to protect public health with environmentally sound techniques, reliable and efficient services, as well as programs to combat emerging diseases, all while preserving and/or enhancing the environment.

Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District Services for Contra Costa County Residents

MOSQUITOES

Inspection and control including placement of **MOSQUITOFISH** in residential water features

YELLOWJACKETS

Ground-nesting only

BEEES

Inspection and education

TICKS

Tick identification

RATS AND MICE

Inspection and advice

SKUNKS

Inspection and advice

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Literature and presentations



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