

CONTRA COSTA MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL 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 county supervisors.

RESIDENTIAL ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL NOTIFICATIONS

To view details and/or sign up to receive free e-mail notifications of adult mosquito control efforts in residential areas, visit the District's Web site at www.ContraCostaMosquito.gov or call us at **(925) 685-9301** for a recorded message.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

HOW INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS WORK—THEY ARE:

- Formed by local residents to provide local services
- Sanctioned by the State of California Government Codes
- Entities 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

OFFICE HOURS

Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

ABOUT CONTRA COSTA MOSQUITO & 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 & Vector Control District Services for Contra Costa County Residents

MOSQUITOES Inspection and control	TICKS Tick identification
MOSQUITOFISH For residential ponds	RATS AND MICE Inspection and advice
YELLOWJACKETS Ground-nesting only	SKUNKS Inspection and advice
BEEES Inspection and education	PUBLIC EDUCATION Literature and presentations

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PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH SINCE 1927

The Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District is dedicated to the health and welfare of the county's more than 1 million residents covering 736 square miles. In fact, we've been protecting public health since 1927 when residents formed the District. Funded through tax dollars, the District offers services for mosquitoes, rats and mice, 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 where we use the most efficient and effective state-of-the-art protocols and products. All products are registered with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Vector: Any animal or insect that can spread disease to people or cause them discomfort or injury.

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PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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

MOSQUITOES

Our 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 in the eastern county, and numerous ponds, creeks, and residential sources countywide. Upon request for service, the District will inspect your property for mosquito problems and provide advice on controlling their populations. With 23 different kinds of mosquitoes that inhabit a variety of water sources, it's important that the homeowner or caller provide our District employee with a mosquito sample that can be identified to determine its possible source. Simply swat a mosquito and save it or tape it to a piece of paper for the District employee.

MOSQUITOFISH

For private ponds, horse troughs, non-maintained swimming pools and spas, rain barrels, and more. Mosquitofish can eat several hundred mosquito larvae per day.



RATS & MICE



Homeowners, business owners or any group in Contra Costa County can request a site visit to assist them with rat and mouse issues. District services include identification (rodent need not be present) and advice for prevention and control. We make house calls! District employees do not bait or set traps, nor do they complete exclusion work. They do provide valuable, detailed information, guidance, and recommendations.

SKUNKS

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

YELLOWJACKETS

The District provides treatment of ground-nesting yellowjackets only. Simply locate the nest and contact us for service. The nest's location must be identified and the location shared with District employees. This can be achieved by drawing a map, pointing a garden tool, or identifying the site with a marker (red sock, garden glove, etc.) Yellowjackets are beneficial insects that eat garden pests and pollinate crops through daily foraging.



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.



The District does not test ticks for the presence of the agent that transmits Lyme disease. Information about testing ticks may be found at the California Department of Public Health's webpage: <http://bit.ly/TickTestQandA>

Several commercial laboratories will test ticks for Lyme disease for a fee. Visit <http://bit.ly/LabsTickTesting> for more information.

PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS

The Public Affairs Department personnel work closely with county constituents. Community affairs representatives provide general and tailored presentations to various groups and school children of 12 or more people free of charge. District personnel also participate in a variety of events, workshops, and community discussions.

