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Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite

What are bed bugs? They are parasitic insects that feed mostly at night on the blood of humans, other mammals, poultry and birds.

How do I know if I have bed bugs?

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Report a Dead Bird

Certain species of birds are very susceptible to West Nile virus and often die from it. Reporting dead birds and squirrels is a very helpful tool to our disease surveillance and monitoring efforts. The Mosquito and Vector Control Program and the California Department of Public Health use dead bird reports to help identify increased West Nile virus activity in an area.

If you see a bird that has been dead for less than 24 hours, please call 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473)

[Click here](#) for more information



Neglected Swimming Pools (Green Pools)

Unmaintained pools grow algae and bacteria, causing the water to appear green, and become ideal habitats for mosquito development. Depressed housing markets and foreclosures have led to many neglected swimming pools in this County. One single neglected swimming pool can breed millions of mosquitoes that can infest entire neighborhoods, putting residents at risk for West Nile virus.

[Click here](#) for more information



What is a Vector?

A vector is any insect or arthropod, rodent or other animal of public health significance capable of harboring or transmitting the causative agents of human disease. Under certain circumstance insects, arthropods and other animals capable of causing direct human injury or discomfort, but not disease, are sometimes referred to as vectors.

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The Mosquito and Vector Control program provides inspections, education and disease surveillance services in the cities of Colton, San Bernardino, Grand Terrace, Fontana, Highland, Loma Linda, Needles, Redlands, Rialto, Upland, Yucaipa and all unincorporated areas in our County.

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