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Mosquitos– Practical Tips to Reduce Exposure

Heavy runoff in the Owens Valley will most likely contribute to an above average mosquito season. Local officials are already preparing - but [Mosquito Bite Prevention](#) begins at home. Residents and business owners are encouraged to take an aggressive approach this year to reduce exposure to mosquitos. Here are some practical tips that can benefit everyone:

- ✓ Outside your home: Remove standing water where mosquitoes could lay eggs
 - Once a week consider doing a mosquito elimination sweep of your property
- ✓ Control mosquitoes inside your home
 - Repair any damaged screens on windows or doors and keep doors shut at all times
- ✓ Use [EPA Registered Insect Repellents](#)
 - Always use repellents as directed. The Center for Disease Control recommends that you look for these active ingredients: DEET; Picaridin; Oil of Lemmon Eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD); or 2 undecanone
- ✓ Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants
 - Avoid dawn and dusk hours, as these tend to be the times when most mosquitos are active.
 - If you are outside during these times it is recommended that you treat items, such as boots, pants, long-sleeve shirts, socks, (as well as tents) with permethrin

In order to keep the mosquito population down in Inyo County, a community approach is recommended for Spring 2017 Mosquito Readiness.

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