

What are the Invasive Mosquitoes in Orange County?

The two invasive mosquitoes in Orange County are the **Asian tiger mosquito** (*Aedes albopictus*), and the **yellow fever mosquito** (*Aedes aegypti*).



Asian Tiger Mosquito
Aedes albopictus



Yellow Fever Mosquito
Aedes aegypti

These mosquitoes adapt very well to urban environments (cities). Once introduced, they can thrive in our neighborhoods. While the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District is working hard to fight these invasive species, we can't do it alone. **We need your help.**

Aedes mosquitoes confirmed in Orange County

Anaheim

La Palma

Brea

Lake Forest

Buena Park

Los Alamitos

Costa Mesa

Mission Viejo

Cypress

Newport Beach

Fullerton

Orange

Garden Grove

Santa Ana

Huntington Beach

Stanton

Irvine

North Tustin

La Habra

How to Find Them Around the Yard and Inside Your Home

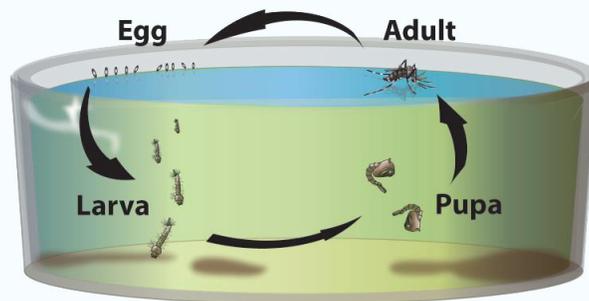
These mosquitoes can live and complete their life cycle either indoors or outdoors. Eggs are laid along the waterline of any water-holding container such as flower vases, plant saucers, buckets, used tires, and even plants that hold water like bamboo or bromeliads. Eggs can remain alive for years, and hatch into larvae when conditions are right.

Look for:

- small, black mosquitoes with white stripes
- mosquitoes active and biting during the day — even indoors!
- immature mosquitoes (larvae and pupae) swimming in stagnant water.

Mosquito Life Cycle

The invasive, black-and-white mosquitoes can lay their eggs individually along the waterline of any container. This reduces the effectiveness of “dump and drain!”



How to Protect your Family and Community

- Report black-and-white, daytime-biting mosquitoes to 714.971.2421 or 949.654.2421. You can also submit an online service request.

This FREE service includes inspection and treatment.

- Remove or drill holes in the bottom of all plant pots, saucers, barrels, bins, and old tires.
- Do not keep water in buckets or root plant cuttings in water. Sharing plant cuttings can spread mosquito eggs.
- Cover trashcans, toys and recycle bins, and keep unneeded items out of the rain.
- Ensure rain barrels are properly sealed. Thousands of eggs can be laid inside rain barrels.
- Wear insect repellent containing DEET®, Picaridin, IR 3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.