

Other Services

The District maintains proactive monitoring and control programs to defend residents from a variety of other pests and vectors.

Yellowjackets

Yellowjackets and other stinging insects can cause life-threatening allergic reactions in many people. Although the District does not control beneficial bees or non-aggressive wasps, District staff will eradicate the underground nests of aggressive yellowjacket species on residential properties or in high-use public areas.



Ticks

Ticks are monitored in parks, at schools near open spaces, and in backyards throughout the County. District staff conduct surveillance for ticks and pathogens, such as the bacteria that cause Lyme disease. Educational outreach is targeted to areas with high tick density and groups with regular outdoor activities, such as park staff, scout groups, and hikers.



Insect Identification

Have a bug but don't know what it is? The District offers identification and information about control options for insects and other arthropods submitted by the public.



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Our History

Mosquito control in San Mateo County started in the early 1900s to control mosquitoes breeding in marshes along the Bay. Over more than 100 years, the District has expanded in size and scope, and currently serves everyone living in San Mateo County.

Our Mission

To safeguard the health and comfort of the citizens of San Mateo County through a science-based program of integrated vector management.

Our Services

Mosquito Control

Disease Surveillance

Mosquitofish

Rodent Inspections

Community Education

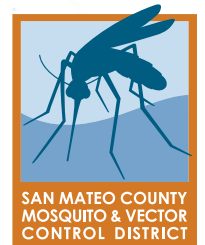
Yellowjacket Control

Tick and Insect Identification

***There is no charge for our services;
we are funded by tax revenues***

District Services

San Mateo County
Mosquito & Vector
Control District

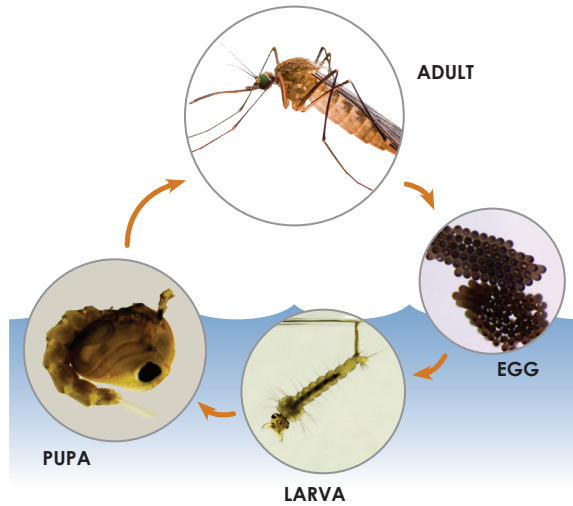


Effective and Environmentally Responsible Mosquito Control

A lot has changed in the last century in mosquito control. Modern methods focus on integrated vector management, which combines surveillance, prevention, public education, and physical, chemical, and biological control methods to proactively control mosquitoes.

Our program focuses on controlling mosquitoes in their aquatic larval stages, before they have a chance to emerge as adults that can bite and spread diseases. Our state certified vector control technicians are highly trained to help reduce mosquito populations.

Mosquitoes need water to complete three of their life stages.



Community Education

District staff are available to present to a wide variety of audiences – schools, community groups, scout groups, etc. – about a variety of topics. **Call to schedule a presentation today!**

Prevent Mosquito Problems

Mosquitoes can grow in even a small amount of water. Please check for the following sources and let us know if you need help controlling mosquitoes in your area:

- Ponds, fountains, or other water features
- Unmaintained swimming pools or spas
- Containers (buckets, plant saucers, etc.) holding water
- Water leaking under your house
- Clogged rain gutters
- Catchbasins, storm drains, or lawn drains holding water
- Irrigation leaks or overwatering issues
- Bird baths

Mosquitofish

Mosquitofish eat mosquito larvae and are available for no cost from the District to help control mosquitoes in backyard ponds and unused or green swimming pools.



Report Day-Biting Mosquitoes

Invasive *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes are not currently found in San Mateo County, and we need your help to keep them out. Please report any small, black-and-white mosquitoes biting during the day.



Actual Size: About 3/8 to 1/4 inch long

Rodent Inspections

Rats and mice can cause serious damage to structures, equipment, utilities, and other items. Rodents also have the potential to spread a wide variety of diseases to humans.

The District provides residential rat and mouse inspections. Residents receive a detailed report of any signs of rat or mouse activity, as well as advice from a certified vector control technician.

Rodent-Proofing Your Property

Rodents seek food, water, and shelter. Restricting rodents' access to these resources is the best way to prevent them from infesting your property.

- Keep rodents out of structures by sealing all openings larger than a dime
- Cover all garbage cans
- Harvest fruit as soon as it ripens, and pick up fallen fruit
- Don't leave birdseed on the ground
- Store items (like wood, lumber, boxes, and all other items) at least 18" above the ground and 12" from walls or fences
- Never leave pet food out overnight, and store it in closed metal containers
- Keep all vegetation trimmed away from roofs, walls, fences, poles, and trees

