



Eastern Gardens Co-op

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To: All Members and residents of Eastern Gardens Cooperative, Inc.

On Monday, July 9, 2012 the Sacramento Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District inspected the grounds of Eastern Gardens and gave a favorable report concerning the issue of standing or pools of water. In addition, we were advised that Sacramento County residents are in a West Nile virus high risk area, and are being urged to take precautions against mosquito bites, and to practice the following:



Practice the District's 7Ds:

- **DRAIN** any standing water that may produce mosquitoes.
- **DAWN and DUSK** are times to avoid. These are the times when mosquitoes are most active.
- **DRESS** appropriately by wearing long sleeves and pants when outdoors.
- **DEFEND** yourself against mosquitoes by using an effective insect repellent, such as DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. Make sure you follow all label directions!
- **DOOR** and window screens should be in good working condition. This will prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.
- **DISTRICT** personnel are available to address any mosquito problem you may be experiencing by calling 1-800-429-1022.

TO REPORT A DEAD BIRD

The vector control is asking us to help protect our community by reporting dead birds and squirrels. Our District and the California Department of Public Health use dead bird reports to help identify increased West Nile virus activity in an area. Crows and magpies are particularly susceptible to the disease, so they make excellent early warning sentinels for virus activity.

If you see a bird that has been dead for less than 24 hours, please call 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) or report it online at <http://www.fightthebite.net/>

Sincerely,
Theresa Williams, FPI
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