



## FRANKLIN HILLS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### ***BE PREPARED:*** **Mosquito Abatement**

The welcome, remarkable rains earlier this year helped to replenish our reservoirs, green our hills and dot the Franklin Hills with brilliant wildflowers. But the flip side of that drenching is the [potentially worst mosquito season in years](#).

Did you know that mosquitos can lay eggs in as little as *one teaspoon* of water? And that those eggs mature into an adult in as little as 8-to-10 days, capable of not only causing massively annoying bites and itching, but also of carrying potentially-deadly diseases such as West Nile and Zika?

Fortunately, we can all act now to reduce the risk.

Take a few moments now to review [the extraordinarily-practical and specific guidance](#) provided by L.A. County's Vector Control District. "Tip and Toss into Spring" offers downloadable PDFs to use as checklists, mythbusters about repellents and even a virtual household tour to help you identify potential trouble spots.

If, despite your best efforts to drain and dry standing water, you find your yard abuzz soon, consider this ["How to Find a Mosquito Trap That Actually Works"](#) article from Consumer Reports. It warns against bug zappers and recommends trying evidence-backed traps/strategies such as AGO (autocidal gravid ovitrap) traps developed with CDC technology (available from [Catchmaster](#)), "GAT" traps (from [Bioagents](#)) and the [In2Care trap](#) designed for use by professionals.

While millions of mosquitos may not be as devastating a as a flood, earthquake, or wildfire, the same benefits of disaster preparedness apply. . . a modest investment of time now will result in big payoffs in safety and well-being soon.

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