

# Cemetery Vases Fact Sheet



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Cemetery vases with standing water produce mosquitoes that can transmit West Nile virus and other diseases. The Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District, in coordination with Placer County cemeteries, routinely inspect and treat cemetery vases to prevent mosquito development and reduce mosquitoes. Some cemeteries have eliminated water-filled flower vases entirely and others use different methods to eliminate standing water.

Eliminating standing water completely from vases is the best way to prevent mosquitoes and disease transmission. During mosquito season, when standing water in vases can't be eliminated, our technicians will visit local cemeteries to inspect them for mosquito development sources and make appropriate treatments.



Mosquitoes develop in standing water



There are thousands of cemetery vases in the county that hold water



West Nile virus is a potentially life-threatening disease spread through the bite of a mosquito

EPA-registered mosquito larvicides target immature mosquitoes, also known as mosquito larvae. Placer Mosquito uses a variety of larvicides including microbial insecticides, insect growth regulators and larvicidal films and oils to prevent adult mosquitoes. Our technicians are certified by the California Department of Public Health and apply larvicides by hand, backpack sprayers or trucks in cemeteries.



## Tips to Keep Your Cemetery Mosquito-Free

- Encourage your cemetery to consider alternatives to water-filled vases that hold water for 72–96 hours.
- Use an EPA-registered repellent to prevent mosquito bites during the summer months.

## Questions?



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