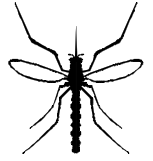


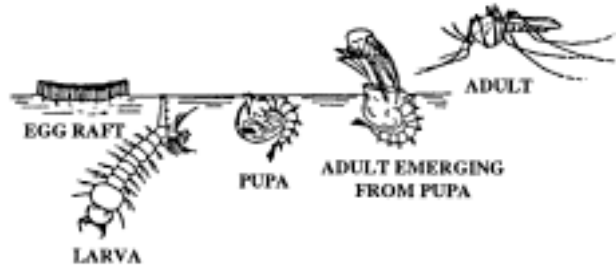
Help Fight The Bite!



People often unknowingly breed mosquitoes by leaving standing water on their property. Without water mosquitoes cannot exist. A large percentage of urban mosquito problems can be solved by the removal of standing water.

Egg Raft: Most common mosquitoes lay rafts that float on the water. These eggs hatch within 1-3 days.

Larva: The larva breathes through a tube called a siphon. It sheds its skin or molts four times during several days. At the 4th molt it changes to a pupa.



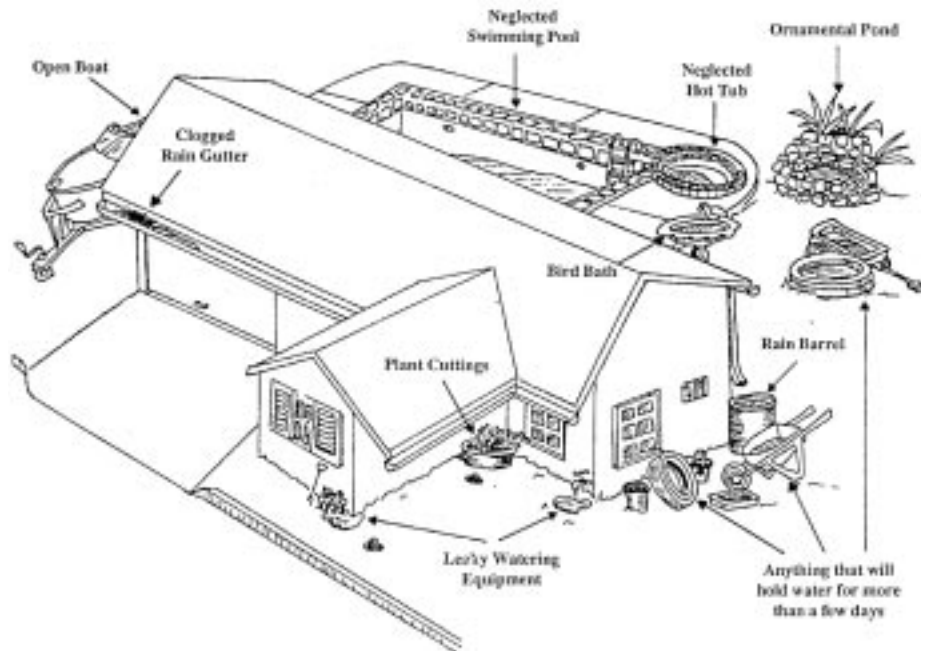
Pupa: The pupa is the equivalent of a cocoon. It does not eat and breathes through two tubes on its back. When the mosquito is fully developed it hatches as an adult mosquito.

Adult: The adult mosquito rests on the water surface until it is strong enough to fly away.

You can HELP! Use the house guide below to take inventory of standing water around your home.

Mosquito Facts

- Only a female mosquito drinks blood. The blood provides nutrients for her eggs.
- San Joaquin County is home to 17 common mosquitoes, several of which can carry disease including malaria & West Nile Virus.
- A female mosquito can lay three rafts of eggs in a lifetime with 150-300 eggs per raft.
- One five-gallon bucket of water has the potential to produce enough mosquitoes to bother an entire city block of people.



For more information please call:
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