

# Mosquito breeding areas searched

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Starting next week, the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District will begin aerial surveillance of swimming pools not maintained and other "backyard breeders" such as boats holding water, ponds without circulation, unused tires, hot tubs, and other manmade objects that hold water.

District Manager Matt Ball said eliminating early season mosquitoes prevents larger populations later in summer.

The Butte County Sheriff's helicopter will assist in some of the flights.

Public health officials expect mosquito-transmitted West Nile virus will again be a health concern this year. Last year the virus was active in Butte County and 41 other counties in the state.

Residents are urged to protect themselves from mosquitoes by avoiding peak mosquito activity times, wearing repellent, and preventing mosquito breeding on their property.

Residents are encouraged to report mosquito breeding areas and mosquito problems to the District at 533-6038, 342-7350, or [www.BCMVCD.com](http://www.BCMVCD.com).