

What's in your Rain Barrel?

More and more Californians are collecting water in rain barrels as a tactic to address the drought. But without proper care, rain barrels can become a **mosquito** paradise in your backyard.

Keep out **mosquitoes!**

- ✓ Seal openings with a screen (mesh size recommended 1/16" or smaller)
- ✓ Check that screens are intact and repair or replace damaged screens
- ✓ Look for immature mosquitoes in the water and if present treat frequently with an EPA-approved mosquito control product
- ✓ Dry out and flip over barrels for long-term storage, so water doesn't stand in the bottom



Want more information?

Visit the Mosquito & Vector Control Association of California at www.mvcac.org or call us at 916-440-0826