MOSQUITOES CAN MAKE YOU SICK!

Eliminate mosquito breeding around your yard and landscaping.

Plants need water to grow. But water that stands for longer than 4 days can become a breeding site for mosquitoes. Water-holding plants such as bromeliads can create hundreds of mosquitoes and increase the risk of mosquito transmitted diseases if a local outbreak was to occur.

Use these tips to reduce mosquito breeding and prevent invasive mosquitoes! **WATER BROMELIADS AT** THE ROOTS TO AVOID PLACE MOSQUITOFISH **FILLING LEAVES** IN PONDS WITH WATER General Tips Maintain irrigation systems to avoid standing water CIRCULATE WATER **FEATURES WITH A PUMP AVOID HEAVY POTS OR** Flush water-holding plants **CONTAINERS THAT CANNOT** with clean water and turn **BE EASILY TIPPED** OVER/DRAINED over to drain Avoid water-holding plants in displays that cannot be STORE UNUSED CONTAINERS UPSIDE DOWN drained every 4 days (i.e. living walls, heavy or **Bromeliad Tips** Water Feature Tips permanent containers). Water bromeliads at the Circulate water with a pump. roots and keep the tanks Root plants in material that and cups free of water limits standing water (e.g., Flush out and replace water perlite, plant gel, water Keep any remaining standing every 4 days. storing crystals). water clear, free of debris, and flushed frequently Use a larvicide treatment. Inspect garden weekly for mosquito larvae. Contact Prevent bromeliads from Place mosquito-eating fish us if you need guidance: growing into a dense mass in water (available for free at (661) 942-2917 our office) Avoid planting bromeliads Store open containers Keep aquatic plants thin so in the landscaping or other upside down or place fish can access all areas to features that cannot be under cover to avoid eat the larvae turned out to drain rainfall and irrigation water



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