

Mosquito Surveillance and Control in the City of Long Beach

The approach to challenges created by West Nile Virus can be divided into three major categories:

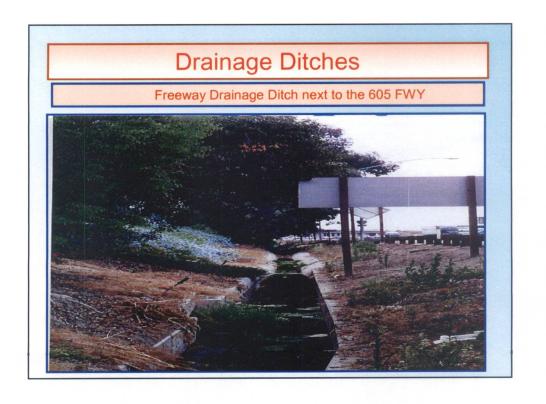
- 1. Treatment and Control
- 2. Surveillance
- 3. Education and Outreach





Treatment and Control Flood Channels Drainage Ditches Riverbeds Storm Drains Gutters Backyard Sources

Flood Channels •There are 383 miles of flood channels in the City of Long Beach. These channels are treated every 7 to 10 days.



Riverbeds

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers are treated on a routine basis.

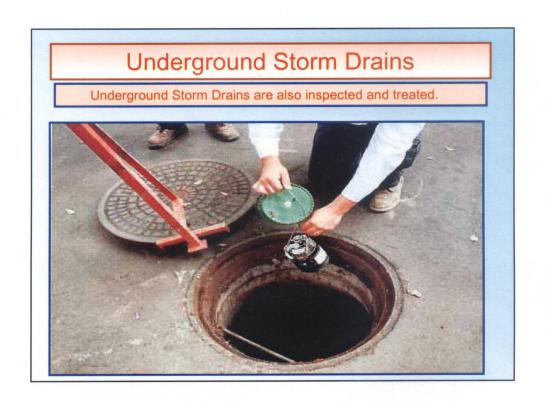


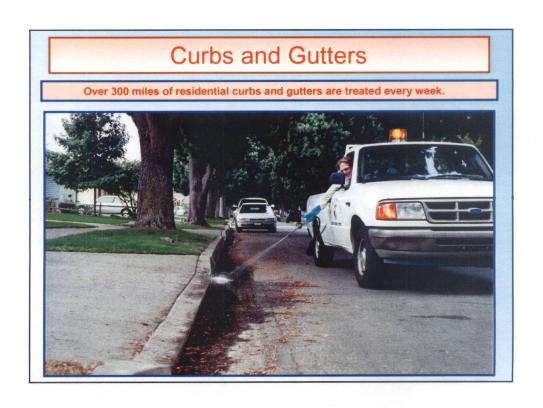
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Vector Control Specialist work closely with Los Angeles County Public Works to keep the water flowing in the riverbeds.









Procedure for Standing Water Complaints

- •All complaints of standing water are transferred to the Bureau of Environmental Health
- •Complaints under the jurisdiction of LBDHHS are addressed by the Vector Control Program within three days. If necessary, the area is treated and added to the routine treatment route. A referrals are made to Public Works when necessary.
- •Complaints under the jurisdiction of GLACVCD or Compton Creek are faxed to the appropriate agency. If the complaint is received from Public Works, a copy of the referral is included.
- •A master log is maintained for standing water complaints.

The Vector Control Program has responded to 756 standing water complaints since July 12.



Backyard Sources

Vector Staff responded to over 39 complaints of dirty pools last month.



Backyard Sources Old tires in a backyard can be a source of mosquito breeding.

