

Mother Nature's Mosquito Control

Use mosquitofish to reduce **mosquito** populations and the risk of getting mosquito-borne viruses.



Just one bite:

One bite from an **infected** mosquito can cause a deadly illness in people. While most people won't get sick, about 1 in 5 will develop flu-like symptoms that could last months – 1 in 150 will develop a potentially fatal, neurological disease.

How mosquitofish help:

- Mosquitofish – the *Gambusia affinis* – are a natural mosquito predator and eat aquatic bugs, including larvae and pupae.
- Used correctly, they are an efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly method to reduce mosquito numbers and mosquito-borne diseases.
- The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District uses mosquitofish in abandoned or non-working swimming pools, ornamental ponds, fountains, ditches, and stormwater basins.



Are they right for you?

Contact the District to see if mosquitofish can prevent mosquitoes in your backyard, and if so, arrange pick-up or delivery at no charge.



Report neglected pools or standing water to the District at **(760) 342-8287** or www.cvmosquito.org