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## **City of Dallas to spray for West Nile Virus**

*Human cases of West Nile disease in Dallas total 47*

*Mosquito collections positive for West Nile virus now total 62 in the City*

**Dallas** – Due to the rain this past weekend, mosquito control spraying scheduled for Sunday, September 17, 2006 has been rescheduled for Sunday night, September 24, 2006 after 10:30 p.m. and will conclude prior to 6 a.m. Monday morning September 25, 2006 in the following area.

### **Spray Area (Map Attached)**

The target area is bounded by Walnut Street, Kansas City Southern Railroad, Forest Lane, LBJ Freeway and Abrams Road.

Residents in the above area should avoid contact with the spray by staying indoors. Persons in a vehicle when trucks are actively spraying should remain in their vehicles with the windows up and the air conditioner on until the trucks pass and the spray is no longer visible. Persons out when spraying is to take place should be alert for trucks and should not follow them. If contacted by the spray, wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water. The spray breaks down quickly in the presence of sunlight and has no residual effect.

### **Protection against mosquito bites**

Dallas residents are **urged** to take precautions against mosquito bites by reducing outdoor activity during evening and nighttime hours. Residents who are outside during these times should cover their arms and legs and use a mosquito repellent.

### **Prevent mosquito breeding**

Residents should **eliminate** standing water to prevent mosquito breeding and the spread of West Nile Virus. Breeding places for mosquitoes include swimming pools that are not kept clean, stagnant ponds, pet watering dishes, birdbaths, potted plants, old tires, empty containers, toys and clogged rain gutters. Standing water should be eliminated promptly, as mosquitoes can grow from egg to adult in as little as seven days.

To report standing water or mosquito problems Dallas residents should call 3-1-1. For additional information on Mosquito Control, visit the City's website at

[http://www.dallascityhall.com/html/mosq\\_latest\\_updates.html](http://www.dallascityhall.com/html/mosq_latest_updates.html).