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Area in West Dallas to be Sprayed for West Nile virus in Mosquitoes

First mosquito pool to test positive for West Nile virus in Dallas County

Dallas – An area in West Dallas is scheduled for mosquito control spraying on Saturday night into Sunday morning. Mosquitoes infected with West Nile virus were found in the area.

Weather permitting; the area delineated below is scheduled for mosquito control spraying beginning at 10 p.m. Saturday, September 11, 2010 and concluding at 3 a.m. Sunday, September 12, 2010.

Control Area: West Dallas: The area to be sprayed is within an area bounded by Illinois Avenue West, Andrews Street and Sunnyside Avenue, Meredith Street, and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Rail Road, Bayview Drive and Knoxville Street back to Illinois Avenue West. The spray area will include Charlotte Street and Sheffield Drive which are to the west of the rail line. **All spraying is to be conducted within the city limits of Dallas only.**

While the insecticide is considered safe, residents in the above areas should avoid contact with the spray by staying indoors. Persons inside a vehicle while 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 during the scheduled spraying time should be alert for trucks and should not follow them. Residents who come in contact with the spray are advised to wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water. The spray breaks down quickly in the presence of sunlight and has no residual effect. Fish ponds should be protected and pets should be brought inside during the spraying period.

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 & French drains. 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 www.dallascityhall.com.

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