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Dallas residents advised to take precautions against West Nile virus

Areas north of Love Field and south Oak Cliff set for spraying

Dallas – Due to a rapid increase in the number of West Nile virus positive mosquito collections, 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.

Weather permitting, spraying will begin at 10 p.m. Tuesday, August 4 and conclude at 3 a.m. Wednesday, August 5. Spraying is scheduled in the following areas:

Control Area 1; Love Field (Map Attached): The area to be sprayed is within an area bounded by Park Lane, Brockbank Drive, Bynum Street, Denton Drive, Northwest Highway, and Marsh Lane.

Control Area 2; South Oak Cliff (Map Attached): This area is bounded by Camp Wisdom Road, St George Drive, Chesterfield Drive, Kirnwood Drive, Interstate 20, Wheatland Road, Indian Ridge Trail, Back to Camp Wisdom Road.

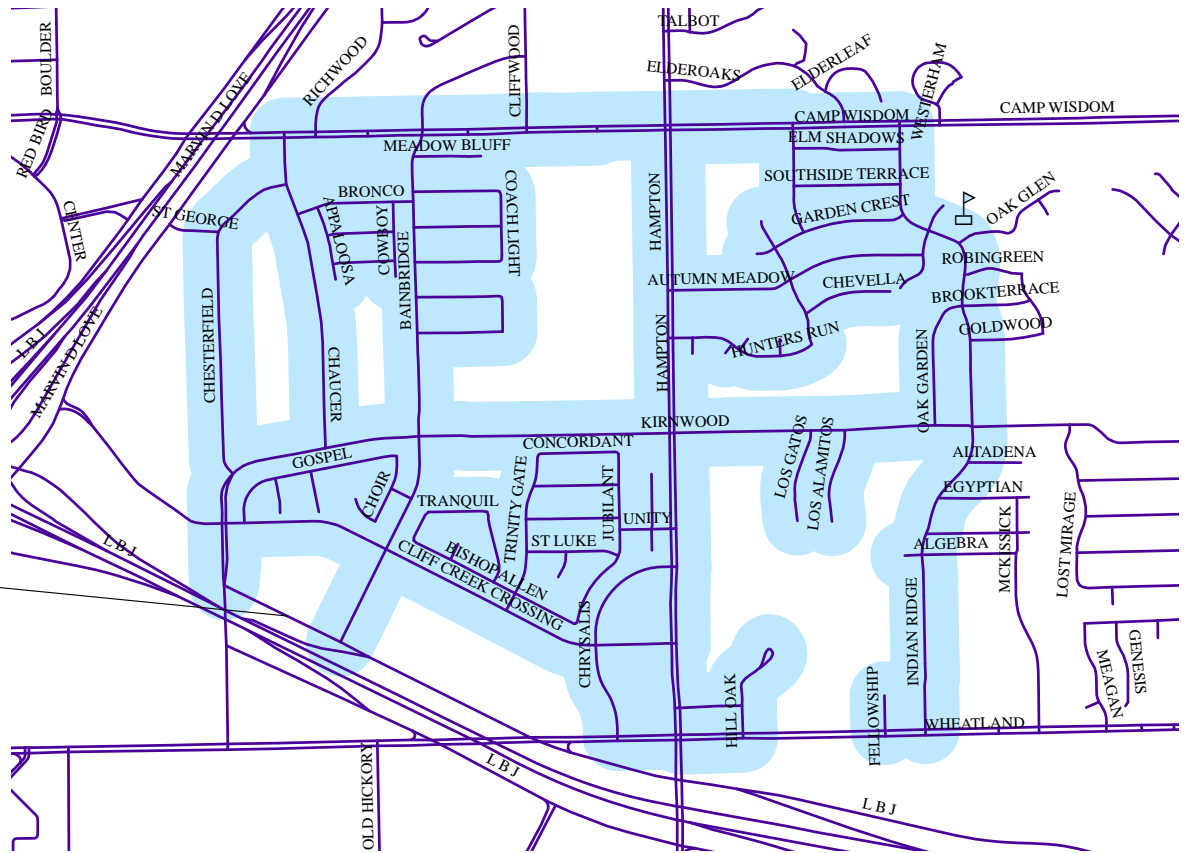
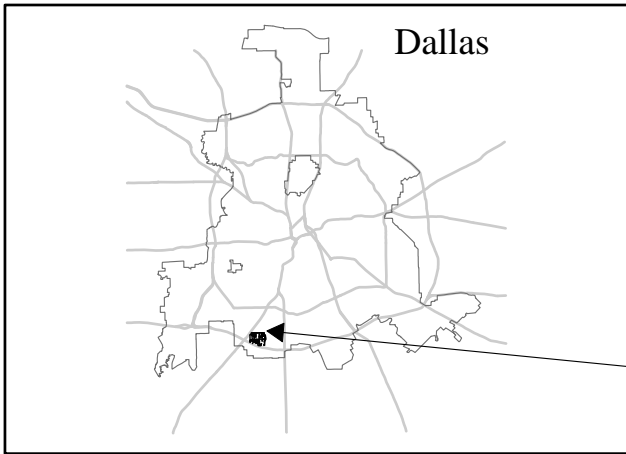
While the insecticide is considered safe, residents in the above areas should avoid contact with the spray by staying indoors. Persons inside a vehicle while trucks are actively spraying should remain in their vehicles with the windows up and the air conditioner on until the trucks pass and the spray 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.

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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Adult Mosquito Spray Areas
Tuesday August 4, 2009 and Wednesday August 5, 2009
Between 10:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M.

Legend

- Dallas Streets
- Spray Area


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