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## **City staff scheduled to spray in three areas due to more positive mosquito collections**

**Dallas** – The City of Dallas has scheduled mosquito control spraying in three areas due to positive West Nile mosquito collections. With weather permitting; spraying is scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. on Thursday August 13 and conclude by 3 a.m. on Friday August 14.

**Control Area 1; South of Paul Quinn College:** The area is bounded by Simpson Stuart Rd, Golden Gate/J J Lemmon, Riverside (including Cedardale), Bonnie View, back to Simpson Stuart.

**Control Area 2; East of Laureland Cemetery:** The area is East of Houston School Rd, West of Lancaster Rd, North of Simpson Stuart Rd, and South of Red Bird Lane East.

**Control Area 3; Preston Hollow Area:** The area is bounded by Dallas North Tollway, Walnut Hill Ln, Hillcrest Rd, and Northwest Highway west.

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](http://www.dallascityhall.com).

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