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West Nile found in southeast Pleasant Grove *An area around Spruce High School is scheduled for Spraying*

Dallas – Dallas has recorded its 22nd West Nile infected mosquito collection of the season. So far no human cases have been reported. Mosquito collections are made across the city on a regular schedule to determine where mosquito borne diseases are localized. Dallas residents are advised to take precautions against mosquitoes and try to avoid being bitten.

Mosquito control spraying is scheduled in the following area; weather permitting, for Friday night August 14, into Saturday morning August 15, 2009. Spraying will begin at 10:00 P.M. and conclude by 3:00 A.M.

Control Area ; Pleasant Grove: The area to be sprayed is within an area bounded by Elam Road, Prairie Creek Road, C.F. Hawn Freeway, Masters Drive south., Seagoville Road, Acres Drive south., back to Elam 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.

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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