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New mosquito control area added in north Dallas

Area will be sprayed to control mosquitoes on Thursday night, August 27

Dallas – An additional positive mosquito collection in the 14400 block of Meandering Way will require additional mosquito control activities. Mosquito control spraying is scheduled in this area; weather permitting, to begin at 10 p.m. Thursday, August 27, and concludes 3 a.m. Friday, August 28, 2009.

The area delineated below is immediately adjacent to and southeast of the area also scheduled for Thursday, August 27, where a human case was found.

Control Area ; North Dallas The area to be sprayed is within an area bounded by Beltline Road, Meandering Way, Spring Valley Road, Hillcrest Road, Elmridge Drive, Teakwood Drive, Peyton Drive to Spring Valley Road to Coit Road back to Belt Line 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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