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## **Mosquito control spraying set for Parkdale area in east Dallas** *Mosquito collection tested positive for West Nile virus*

**Dallas** – Weather permitting, mosquito control spraying is scheduled to begin in the following area at 10 p.m. Friday, August 28, and concludes at 3 a.m. Saturday, August 29.

**Control Area: Parkdale:** The area to be sprayed is within an area bounded by Urban Avenue, Radcliff Drive, Jim Miller Road, Everglade Road, Hunnicut Road, Lawnview Avenue, Military Parkway, Lasca Street, Parkdale Drive back to Urban Avenue.

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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