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### **Areas in south Oak Cliff and northwest Dallas scheduled for mosquito control**

*Control areas are west of the VA Hospital and north of Love Field*

**Dallas** – Mosquito collections have returned positive for the West Nile virus in two Dallas neighborhoods. Weather permitting; these areas, delineated below, are scheduled for mosquito control spraying beginning at 10 p.m. Thursday, September 10, 2009 and concluding at 3 a.m. Friday, September 11, 2009.

**Control Area 1; South Oak Cliff:** The area to be sprayed is within an area bounded by Overton Road, Beckley Avenue/R.L. Thornton (I35), Ledbetter Drive, and Ramona Avenue.

**Control Area 2; Love Field:** This area is within an area bounded by the Park Lane, Brockbank Drive, Storey Lane, Denton Drive, Northwest Highway (Loop12), Mixon Drive back to Park Lane.

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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