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Mosquito control spraying for Monday, September 21, rescheduled

Spraying in Forest Hills area rescheduled for Tuesday night/Wednesday morning, September 22/23

Dallas – Due to a forecast of rain, wind and possible storms, tonight's mosquito control spraying is now scheduled for Tuesday night/Wednesday morning, September 22/23, 2009.

Weather permitting mosquito control spraying is scheduled to begin after 10 p.m. Tuesday night, and conclude by 3:00 a.m., Wednesday morning.

Control Area: September 22/23, Forest Hills: This area is bounded by Garland Road, White Rock Creek, KCS Railroad, Highland Road, Ferguson Road, and St. Francis Avenue back to Garland 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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