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### **West Nile virus continues to be active in Dallas**

*Forty first positive mosquito collection prompts spraying*

**Dallas** – Recent heavy rains have produced a bumper crop of mosquitoes, and while many of these are species that do not carry disease, residents are still urged to check their property for any standing water. Containers that hold rain water are especially attractive to the types of mosquitoes that can carry disease.

Weather permitting, mosquito control spraying is scheduled to begin after 10 p.m. on Sunday, October 4, and end by 3 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 2009, in an area either side of R.L. Thornton Freeway and south of the Trinity River.

**Control Area; North Oak Cliff:** The area to be sprayed is within an area bounded by Ewing Avenue, Clarendon Drive, Corinth Street, the south levee of the Trinity River and northwestward to its intersection with Ewing 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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