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## **Area in North Central Dallas to be sprayed for West Nile Virus; Mosquito pool in the area tested positive for the virus**

**Dallas** – A mosquito pool was confirmed positive for West Nile Virus in the 7100 block of Valley View Lane.

Weather permitting; mosquito control spraying will be conducted from 10 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. Saturday, August 31, 2013 and again on Sunday, September 1, 2013 from 10 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

**Control Area:** The area to be sprayed is within an area bounded generally on the north by **Elmridge Drive**, on the west by **Ridgeview Circle**, bounded by **Helsem Way** on the south and **Flagstone Lane** on the east.

While the insecticide is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for treatment, 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.

### **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).