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Areas in Dallas to be Sprayed for Mosquitoes that can carry West Nile Virus

Significant increases in the number of mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus found in Dallas

Dallas – The following areas are scheduled for targeted ground spraying on Monday night through Wednesday morning. Due to significant increases in the number of mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus that have been found in these areas, the Dallas County Health & Human Services has requested the City of Dallas to conduct targeted ground spraying operations.

Weather permitting; the areas delineated below are scheduled for mosquito control spraying beginning at 10 p.m. Monday, June 17, 2013 and concluding early Wednesday morning June 19, 2013.

Control Areas: The areas to be sprayed are noted below:

Between McLean Avenue, Brandon Street, S. Westmoreland Road and Glenhaven Boulevard

Between Grove Oaks Boulevard, Masters Drive, Old Seagoville Road, September Lane and Apache Drive

Between Lewiston Avenue, Scyene Road, Masters Drive, Noweta Avenue and Koonce Avenue

Between Hillcrest Road, Churchill Way, Pecan Forest Drive, Lake Edge Drive and Stone Meadow Drive

Between Edgemere Road, Northport Drive, Hillcrest Road and Norway Road

Between Hoblitzelle Drive, Town Street, Oberlin Drive and Granis Street

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.