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## **Areas in Southwest and Northeast Dallas to be sprayed for West Nile Virus; Mosquito pools in the area tested positive for the virus**

**Dallas** – Areas in Southwest and Northeast Dallas are scheduled for mosquito control spraying Tuesday and Wednesday night. Mosquitoes infected with the West Nile virus were found in a Southwest trap near 200 East Canty Street and in a Northeast trap near 11900 Woodbridge Drive. Weather permitting; the area delineated below is scheduled for mosquito control spraying beginning at 10 p.m. Tuesday and concluding early Thursday.

**Control Areas:** The areas to be sprayed are within an area bounded generally:

Area near 200 East Canty Street: On the north by **Colorado Boulevard**, on the west by **Haines Avenue**, bounded by **Jefferson Boulevard** on the south and **North Ewing Avenue** on the east.

Area near 11900 Woodbridge Drive: On the north by **Shadow Lane**, on the west by **Ridgepoint Drive**, bounded by **Skillman Street** on the south and **Black Walnut Drive** 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).