

Mosquito control spraying scheduled in east Dallas

Mosquito collections positive for West Nile Virus now total 23 in the City

Dallas – A positive mosquito collection and a number of reports of dead blue jays indicate the need for spraying to reduce the numbers of adult mosquitoes in a section of east Dallas.

Spray Areas (Maps Attached)

July 20 – July 21

On Thursday, July 20, spraying will take place in area bounded by Garland Road, Peavy Road, Oates Drive and Buckner Boulevard. Spraying will begin after 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, and will conclude prior to 6 a.m. Friday, July 21, 2006.

July 21 – July 22

On Friday, July 21, spraying is scheduled in an area bounded by Gus Thomasson Road, Ferguson Road, Peavy Road and the Kansas Southern Railroad. Again, control activities will begin Friday night after 10:30 p.m. and conclude prior to 6 a.m., Saturday, July 22, 2006.

Residents in the above area 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 when spraying is to take place should be alert for trucks and should not follow them. If contacted by the spray, 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 also be protected.

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. 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 the City's website at http://www.dallascityhall.com/html/mosq_latest_updates.html.