

City of Dallas to conduct mosquito control spraying at several locations

Mosquito collections positive for West Nile Virus now total 41 in the City

Dallas – Responding to a human case of West Nile Virus and additional positive mosquito collections the City of Dallas will spray in northeast Oak Cliff and near Fair Park. Dry weather and winds below 10 miles per hour are required for effective spraying.

Spray Areas (Maps Attached)

July 27-July 28

Spraying in the northeast Oak Cliff area will begin on Thursday, July 27, 2006 after 10:30 p.m. and will be completed prior to 6 a.m. Friday, July 28, 2006. The area to be sprayed is bounded by R.L. Thornton Freeway (I-35), Ewing Avenue, Clarendon Drive, (east), Corinth Street, and the Trinity River Levee.

July 31–August 1

Mosquito control spraying, scheduled for a neighborhood near Fair Park, has been rescheduled due to winds in excess of 10 miles per hour. Mosquito spraying is now set for Monday, July 31, 2006, after 10:30 p.m. and will conclude prior to 6 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2006. The area to be sprayed is bounded by Julius Schepps Freeway (I-45), east R.L. Thornton Freeway (I-30), 2nd Avenue, Robert B. Cullum Boulevard, Grand Avenue, and Good Latimer Expressway to its junction with Schepps Freeway (I-45).

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 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://dallascityhall.com/html/mosq_latest_updates.html.