

Mosquito control spraying east of the Dallas Executive Airport and southeast of White Rock Lake to reduce the number of adult mosquitoes

Human cases of West Nile disease in Dallas total 17

Mosquito collections positive for West Nile Virus now total 58 in the City

Dallas – Responding to several mosquito samples positive for West Nile virus, City of Dallas staff will spray to reduce the number of adult mosquitoes in an area of Oak Cliff just east of the Dallas Executive Airport and in an area southeast of White Rock Lake.

Spray Area

Control Area 1: August 13-August 14

Spraying in this area bounded by R.L. Thornton Freeway (I-35), Ledbetter Drive (east), Hampton Road (south), and Redbird Lane/Laureland Road (west) will begin August 13, Sunday night after 10:30 p.m. and will conclude prior to 6 a.m. on August 14, Monday morning.

Control Area 2: August 14-August 15

Spraying in this area bounded by Garland Road, Lakeland Drive, Hunnicut Road, Highland Road and San Rafael Drive will begin August 14, Monday night after 10:30 p.m. and will conclude prior to 6 a.m. on August 15, Tuesday morning.

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.

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.

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.

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 www.dallascityhall.com.