

City of Dallas News Release

Public Information Office

www.dallascityhall.com



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, Sept. 8, 2008

North Oak Cliff area will be sprayed this week for West Nile Virus; *Mosquitoes carrying the disease have been found in the area*

Dallas – The City of Dallas will spray in the north Oak Cliff area where mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus have been collected. To reduce the numbers of potentially disease carrying adult mosquitoes, the area south of the Trinity River between R. L. Thornton Freeway and Corinth Street/Clarendon Drive will be sprayed. Weather permitting, spraying will begin after 10 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 9 and conclude by 3 a.m. Wednesday Sept. 10.

Control Area (Map Attached): The area to be sprayed is within the following boundaries; R.L. Thornton Freeway (Interstate 35), the south Trinity River levee, Corinth Street, Clarendon Drive, and Ewing Avenue back to R.L. Thornton Freeway.

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. 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. Fish ponds should be protected and pets should be brought inside during the spraying period.

Protection against mosquito bites

Dallas residents are urged to take precautions against mosquito bites by reducing outdoor activity during evening and early morning hours. Residents who are outside during these times should cover their arms and legs and use a mosquito repellent.

Prevent mosquito breeding

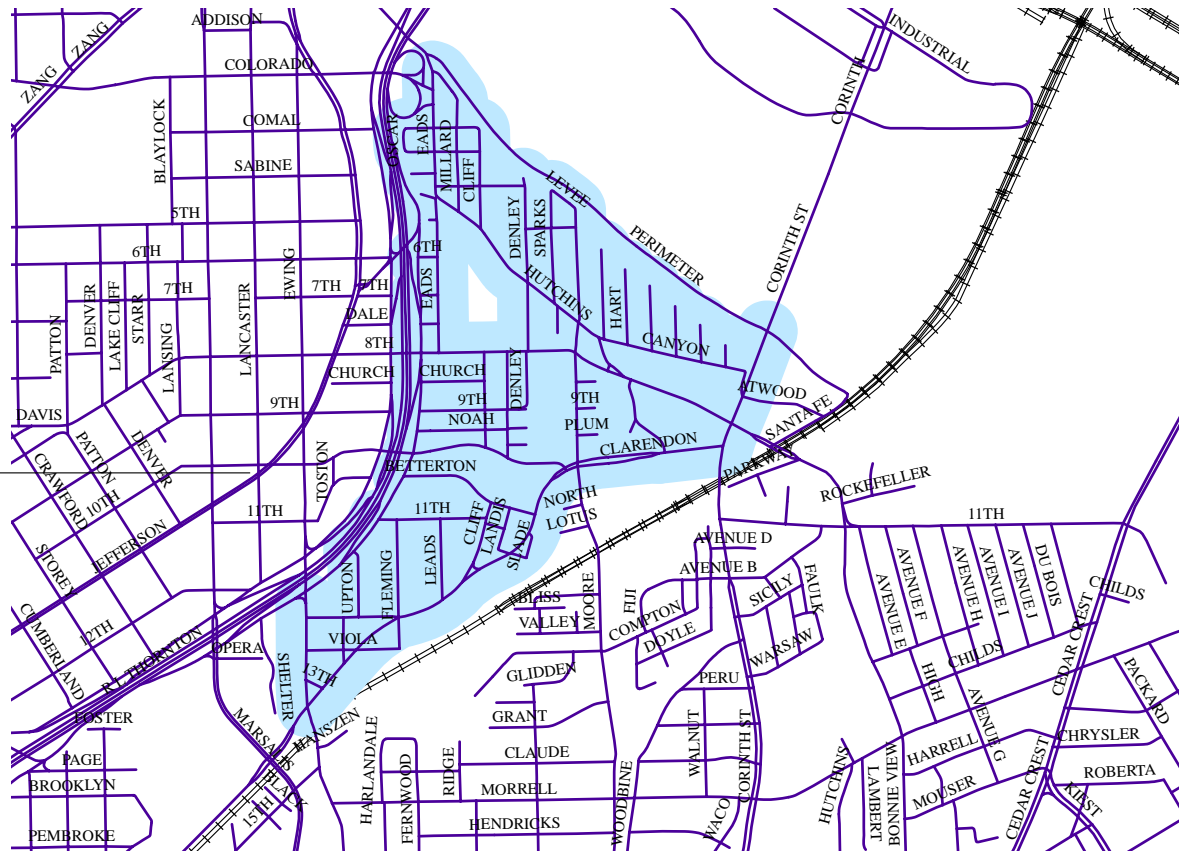
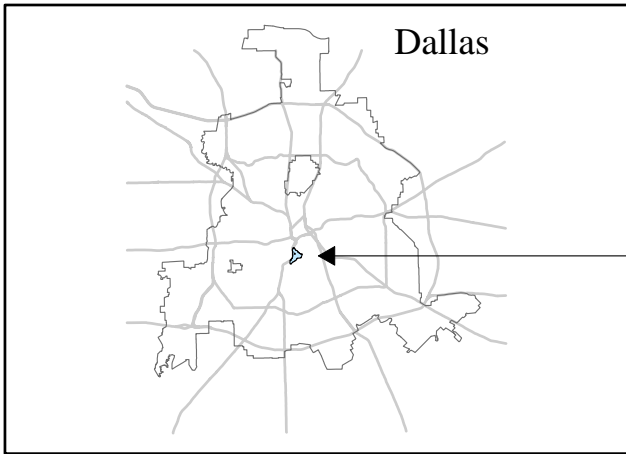
Residents should eliminate standing water to prevent mosquito breeding and the spread of West Nile Virus. Breeding places for mosquitoes include swimming pools that are not kept clean, stagnant ponds, pet watering dishes, birdbaths, potted plants, old tires, empty containers, French drains and clogged rain gutters. Standing water should be eliminated promptly, as mosquitoes can grow from egg to adult in as little as seven days.

City's mosquito spray program

The pesticide and spray methods are adapted for the purpose of reducing the adult mosquito population. Only those areas where infected mosquitoes have been found are scheduled for spraying. The active ingredients in the pesticides used are permethrin and piperonyl butoxide. A 300-foot swath is the effective range and only insects present and which come into contact with the pesticide may be killed. Insects which are not active at night like bees and dragon flies should not be affected.

To report standing water or mosquito problems Dallas residents should call 3-1-1. For additional information on mosquito control visit http://www.dallascityhall.com/ehs/mosquito_control.html


###



Adult Mosquito Spray Areas
Tuesday September 9, 2008 and Wednesday September 10, 2008
Between 10:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M.

Legend

- Area to be Sprayed
- Dallas Streets
- Railroads



City of Dallas
 Department of Environmental and Health Services
 Environmental Assessment Program