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Mountain Creek Lake area will be sprayed for West Nile Virus; *Twelve mosquito positives and one human case have been recorded so far this season*

Dallas – The City of Dallas will spray in the Mountain Creek Lake 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 Jefferson Boulevard and bisected by Walton Walker (Loop 12). Weather permitting, spraying will begin after 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 and conclude by 3 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12.

Control Area: The area to be sprayed is within the following boundaries; on the west side of Walton Walker (Loop 12) the control will be applied north of Mountain Valley Park between Merrifield Road and Walton Walker. On the east side of Walton Walker the spraying will be south of Jefferson Boulevard between Walton Walker, Bond Avenue, south to Preakness Lane including the streets that run south off of Preakness Lane.

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

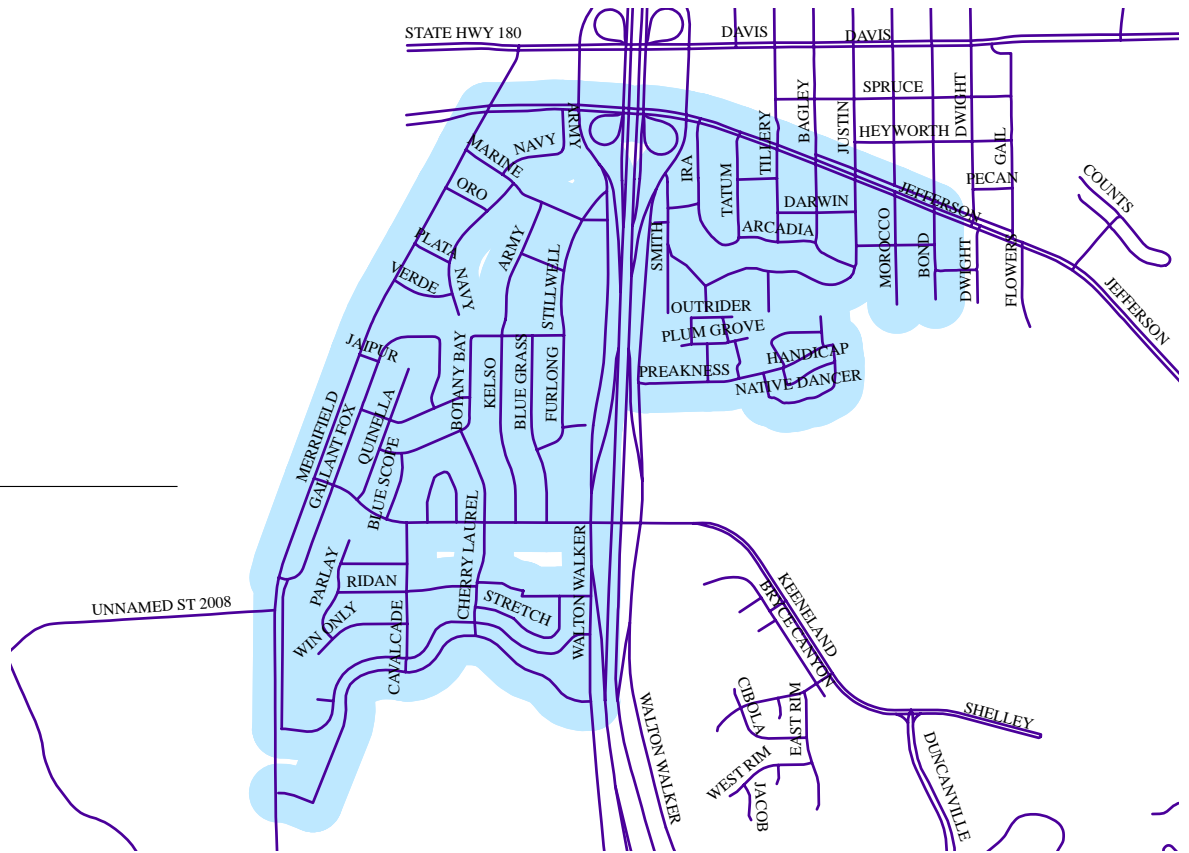
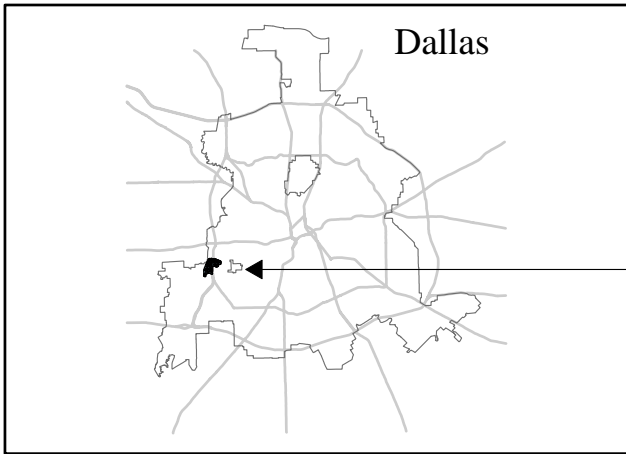
Residents should eliminate standing water to prevent mosquito breeding and the spread of West Nile Virus. Breeding places for mosquitoes include swimming pools that are not kept clean, stagnant ponds, pet watering dishes, birdbaths, potted plants, old tires, empty containers, French drains and clogged 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


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Adult Mosquito Spray Areas
Thursday September 11, 2008 and Friday September 12, 2008
Between 10:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M.

Legend

- Area to be Sprayed
- Dallas Streets



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