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City records fifth and sixth West Nile positive mosquito collection *Spraying scheduled in South Dallas and Oak Lawn*

Dallas – Responding to the West Nile positive mosquito collections, City of Dallas staff will spray two areas to reduce the numbers of adult mosquitoes. The areas to be sprayed are in south Dallas and Oak Lawn.

Control Area One: South Dallas (Map Attached)

The south Dallas area is scheduled for spraying on Thursday night/Friday morning, **August 21/22, 2008**. The area to be sprayed is bounded by Lamar Street, Pine Street, 2nd Avenue, the Union Pacific Rail line, C. F. Hawn Freeway, and Starks Avenue back to Lamar Street. Spraying will begin after 10 p.m. and will conclude prior to 3 a.m., weather permitting.

Control Area Two: Oak Lawn (Map Attached)

Spraying is scheduled in the Oak Lawn area on Monday night/Tuesday morning, **August 25/26, 2008**. The area to be sprayed is bounded by Lemmon Avenue, Kings Road, Maple Avenue, Wycliff Avenue, Douglas Avenue, Highland Park City limit back to Lemmon Avenue. Spraying will begin after 10 p.m. and will conclude prior to 3 a.m., weather permitting.

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

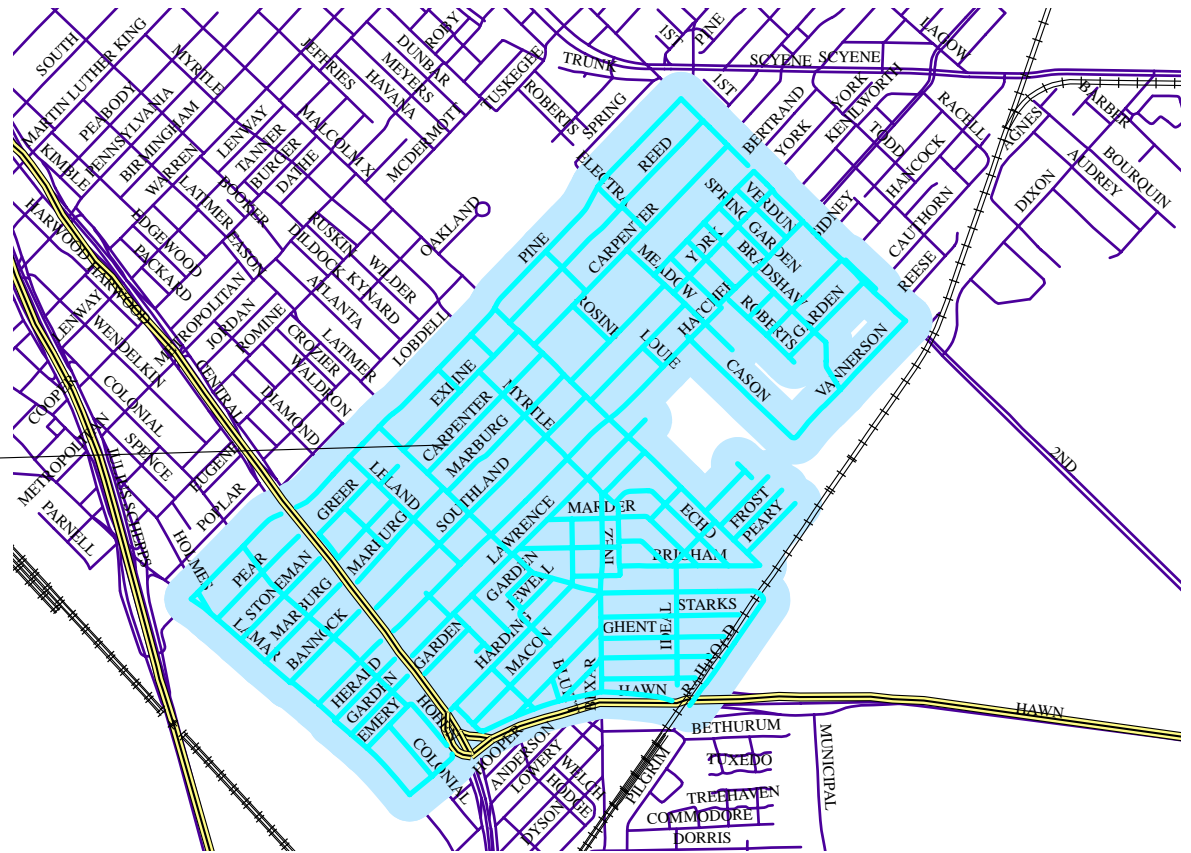
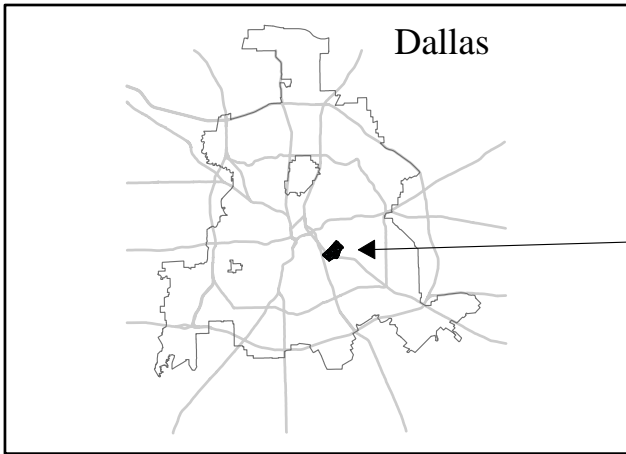
Residents should eliminate standing water to prevent mosquito breeding and the spread of West Nile Virus. Breeding places for mosquitoes include swimming pools that are not kept clean, stagnant ponds, pet watering dishes, birdbaths, potted plants, old tires, empty containers, French drains and clogged 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 August 21, 2008 and Friday August 22, 2008
Between 10:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M.

Legend

- Area to be Sprayed
- Dallas Streets
- Railroads



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