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Mosquito Control Spraying in East Dallas Rescheduled

Spraying rescheduled for Thursday night September 4/Friday morning September 5

Dallas – Due to forecast winds in excess of 10 miles per hour, mosquito control spraying in East Dallas in response to the season's first victim of mosquito carried West Nile Virus, has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 4, at 10 p.m. and will conclude at 3 a.m. Friday, September 5, weather permitting. Mosquito control spraying is planned in an area north of R.L. Thornton Freeway between Carroll Avenue, Beacon Street and south of Swiss Avenue.

Control Area (Map Attached): The area to be sprayed is bounded by Carroll Avenue, R.L. Thornton Freeway, Garland Avenue, Graham Avenue./Beacon Street., Abrams Road., Fulton Street, Junius Street , Beacon Street., Swiss Avenue, Fitzhugh Avenue, Gaston Avenue back to Carroll Avenue.

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.

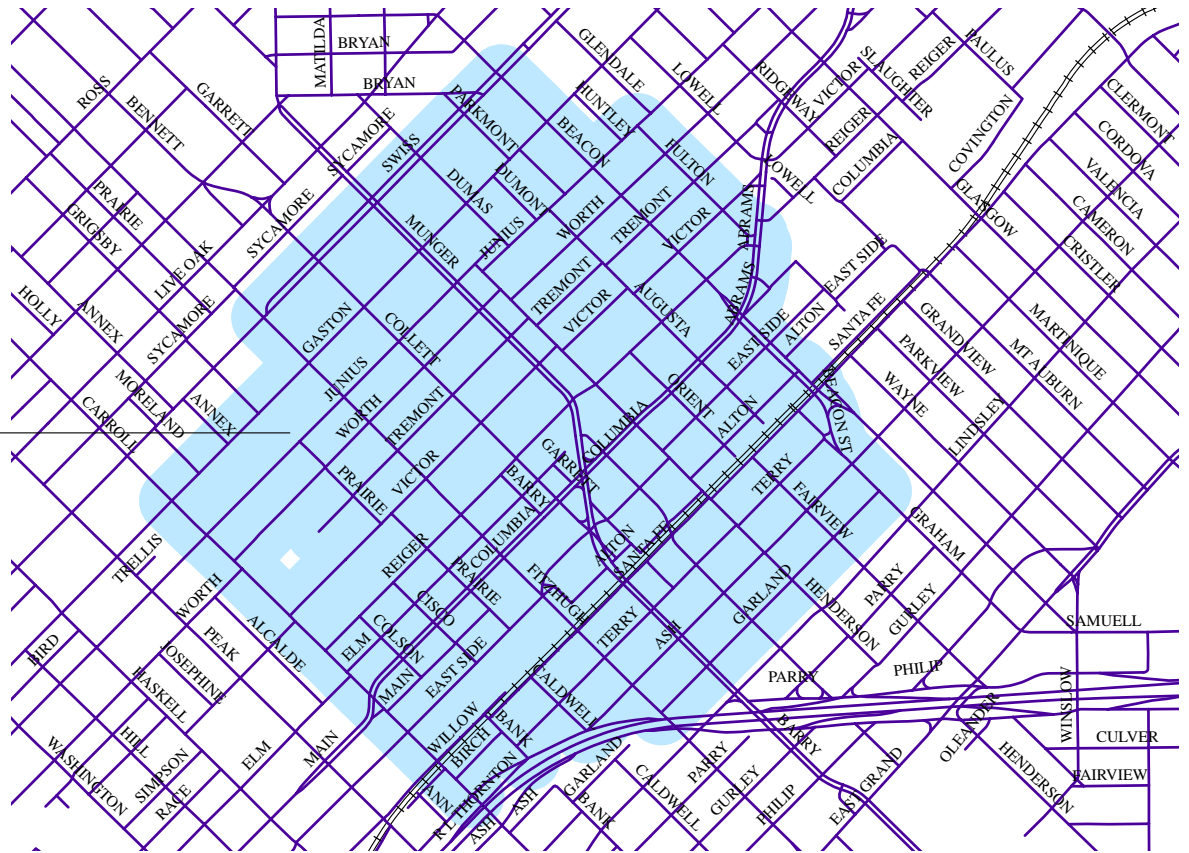
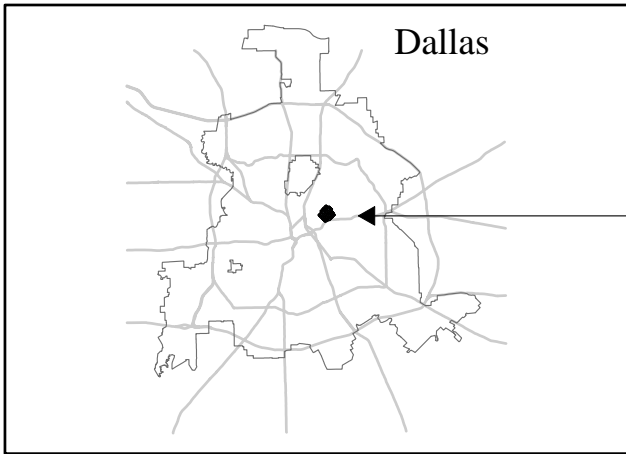
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City's mosquito spray program

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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<p align="center">Adult Mosquito Spray Areas Thursday September 4, 2008 and Friday September 5, 2008 Between 10:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M.</p>	<p align="center">Legend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area to be Sprayed Dallas Streets Railroads 	 <p align="center">City of Dallas Department of Environmental and Health Services Environmental Assessment Program</p>
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