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Ground Spraying For Mosquito Control to Begin

The City's Department of Health Services began testing for the presence of the West Nile Virus (WNV) and other mosquito related diseases on May 3rd of this year. So far this year, over 150 random mosquitoes sample pools have been collected. **To date, all of the City's mosquito sample pools have tested negative for the presence of the WNV and other mosquito related diseases.** However, with the recent heavy rains caused by the recent storm events earlier this month we have seen an increase in the amount of standing water along with an increase in the number of mosquitos collected during our sampling activities.

Ground spraying efforts for mosquito control will begin on Tuesday evening, August 28, 2018 targeting the areas south of Ennis Avenue and Thursday evening, August 30, 2018 targeting the areas north of Ennis Avenue, weather conditions permitting (no rain or winds over 10 mph). Spray activities will commence at approximately 9:00 p.m. and will be completed within a 3 to 4 hour period. Spraying is limited to City streets.

The targeted mosquito control (spraying) areas are described as follows:

- Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Targeting the areas South of Ennis Avenue

- Thursday, August 30, 2018

Targeting the areas North of Ennis Avenue

NOTE: The Ennis High School Stadium area will be targeted for spraying prior to game dates.

Because spraying involves a micro-fine mist of insecticide (AllPro, Aqualuer 20-20) from an ultra low volume fogger machine which is mounted on a truck, citizens should not experience adverse health effects. However, sensitive individuals and people with pre-existing medical conditions, including asthma, allergies and emphysema, may experience temporary skin and eye irritation, congestion or runny nose, sore or scratchy throat, and moderate respiratory irritations. For these reasons citizens are advised that the following precautions should be taken when spraying is scheduled in their neighborhood:

- If possible stay indoors during spray events
- Have children stay indoors until 1-2 hours after the spray event
- Bring pets indoors and cover fishponds and beehives
- Close windows and turn off fans or air conditioners that are exposed to outdoor air
- Remove children's toys, outdoor equipment and clothes from outdoor areas
- If toys, play equipment or furniture are left outside, wash with soap and water before using them again
- If you must stay outdoors during spray events, avoid eye and skin contact with spray. If contact should occur, rinse eyes with water or saline solution, and wash skin and clothing with soap and water
- Wash fruits and vegetables that are exposed to the spray before eating them
- If you believe that you are experiencing symptoms associated with the spraying,
- please contact your health care provider and ask them to report your symptoms to the Ennis Health Department (Phone: 972-875-6444)

Further information on West Nile virus and mosquito control may be found on the Texas Department of State Health Services website:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/arboviral/westnile/>

<http://www.texaszika.org/>

and

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website:

<http://www.epa.gov/opp00001/factsheets/westnile.html>

SEE ATTACHED MOSQUITO CONTROL SPRAY MAP (EXHIBIT "A")

NOTE: This map depicts tentative schedules and is subject to change without notice due to disease priorities, weather or unforeseen circumstances.

City of Ennis - Health Department Webpage: <http://www.ennistx.gov/Health-Department/>
