

September 5, 2024

Dear Resident:

As you are aware, the City is continuing to trap and test mosquitoes for West Nile Virus. A number of mosquitoes have tested positive for West Nile Virus in your area. The City has decided to conduct targeted ground spraying to kill the disease-carrying mosquitoes.

The testing site in your neighborhood is located on **7800 BLK Rushmore Ct, Fort Worth, TX 76137.** Spraying will be conducted approximately within a ½ mile radius from the trapping address.

The City will begin targeted ground spraying in your neighborhood on:

Friday, September 6, 2024 Saturday, September 7, 2024

Spraying will take place from approximately 9:00 P.M. – 4:00 A.M.

If there is a weather delay on the first night, then spraying will be pushed to the following evening.

## **About the Process**

The chemical that is used is similar to that available over the counter at hardware stores. It's 3,500 times LESS concentrated because all that we're trying to kill is a tiny mosquito. The spray is not hazardous to humans, pets, fish or larger insects. It is deactivated by rays of the sun at daybreak. Out of an abundance of caution, we recommend that residents keep pets indoors and keep windows closed during spraying. Bee Keepers should cover active hives overnight.

Except for a visible mist at the nozzle of the unit, residents should not expect to see a "fog" and the spray concentrate is so low that most people cannot even detect an odor.

We are asking all residents to remain vigilant in draining standing water sources that are breeding grounds for mosquitoes and wear mosquito repellant when outdoors.

Environmental Services staff will visit the area 1 day earlier to place spray signs on the streets, survey and apply larvicides to any potential mosquito breeding grounds. Additional information is available at <a href="http://fortworthtexas.gov/mosquitoes/">http://fortworthtexas.gov/mosquitoes/</a> or call the City Call Center at (817) 392-1234.

Thank you again for your continued support.

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