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**CITY TO SPRAY FOR MOSQUITOS
Mosquitos Positive for West Nile Virus Found in Three Locations**

GREENVILLE – Municipal Mosquito, the company contracted by the City of Greenville to trap and test mosquitos throughout Greenville, has informed City officials mosquitos trapped this week in the areas of the Ridgecrest ditch, 3104 Bourland Street and 3314 Gordon Street tested positive for West Nile Virus.

The City will spray several areas for mosquito control and prevention at dusk (about 7:30 – 11 p.m.) tonight, Tuesday, July 21, 2015, and the following two nights, Wednesday, July 22, 2015, and Thursday, July 23, 2015.

Residents should remain indoors during the spraying. If people are outside while an area is being sprayed, the operators are required to shut down the foggers.

Areas to be sprayed include all three areas in which positive mosquitos were trapped. The map below shows the general spray zone.

These are the second positive tests for WNV this year, despite the increased rainfall and moisture levels. The City will be testing throughout the summer and after, if conditions warrant.

The best methods for prevention and control of the mosquito population rest with individuals. The City encourages residents to take steps to prevent mosquitos in and around their homes.

The most successful way to prevent mosquitos is to eliminate places where the insects breed:

- Eliminate standing water around homes, apartments and businesses.
- Keep lawns mowed since mosquitos are likely to be found in high grass and weeds.
- Keep gutters free of leaves and debris to eliminate this as a breeding site.
- Empty water dishes, bird baths, wading pools, buckets and flower pots that hold water.
- Maintain swimming pools so water does not become stagnant and attract mosquitos.

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Protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes by remembering the Four Ds:

- **DRAIN** standing water around your home, apartment or business.
- **DUSK–DAWN** are peak mosquito hours, stay indoors during these times when possible.
- **DRESS** in long sleeves and pants when outside. Spray clothing with insect repellent.
- **DEET:** Use insect repellents that contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

If you notice mosquitoes in your area, make sure to eliminate places where mosquitoes breed. If you still see a few insects, apply insecticide or larvicide briquettes (mosquito dunks) made especially for mosquito control. These are available from local garden, hardware, and home improvement stores, as well as many other retail outlets. For information, resources and tips on mosquito control visit: www.ci.greenville.tx.us/FightTheBite.

