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## **Ground mosquito spraying scheduled**

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas — The City of Weatherford will spray for mosquitoes beginning Aug. 7 at 9 p.m. The ground spray is being conducted after notification that locally trapped mosquitoes tested positive for carrying the West Nile Virus.

In March 2013, the Weatherford City Council approved a Mosquito Surveillance and Response Plan. The plan emphasized on the reduction of mosquito breeding sources, larviciding to help prevent larvae from becoming biting adults, and chemical treatment as a last resort. After entering into the contract, traps were placed in four strategic locations throughout the City. The plan included regular trapping of adult mosquitoes and testing for the West Nile Virus. Chemical treatment, simply referred to as “spraying” was recommended only if or when trapped mosquitoes test positive for the virus.

Weather permitting; ground spraying will occur according to the following schedule:

- Friday, Aug. 7, beginning at 9 p.m. and continuing through 5 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8.
- Saturday, Aug. 8, beginning at 9 p.m. and continuing through 5 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9.

The targeted location includes a 0.5 mile radius from Vine St. Park. This area is from Palo Pinto Street north to Jacksboro- Graham Road and from North Main Street west to Harmon Street.

Citizens are encouraged to protect themselves by following the four Ds of Protection:

- DRAIN all standing water around your home or business to eliminate mosquito breeding sites.
- Use an insect repellent every time you go outside. Approved repellents are those that contain DEET.
- DUSK & DAWN are the times of day when you should try to stay indoors; this is when mosquitoes are most active.
- DRESS in long sleeved shirts and long pants when you go outside to reduce skin exposure. In addition, spray clothing with insect repellent.



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For more information regarding symptoms and the mosquito abatement program, please visit [www.weatherfortx.gov/mosquito](http://www.weatherfortx.gov/mosquito).

**Editor's note:** A high-res image of the ground-spray area is attached.

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More information on the City of Weatherford: [www.weatherfordtx.gov](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov)

**\*\*City of Weatherford\*\***

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