



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Mosquito spraying rescheduled due to weather

*Knoxville, Tenn.* – Due to rain and wind, mosquito spraying originally scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 8 in the Fairmont Boulevard, Milligan Street and Stone Road areas has been rescheduled for tonight, **Monday, Oct. 9 between 8:30 p.m. and 2 a.m.**, weather permitting. Weather conditions such as rain, high winds and low temperatures can compromise the effectiveness of the spray. These treatments are in addition to sprayings previously scheduled for Monday, Oct. 9 in the Deane Hill, Dixon Road, Hardin Valley and Venice Road areas. Signs will be posted in the affected neighborhoods to alert residents, who are asked to stay inside during spraying and keep pets inside or in the backyard. Spray area details and maps are included below.

Preventing mosquito bites and reducing mosquito habitats is the best way to reduce your risk of West Nile virus (WNV). Officials recommend the following:

- Apply repellants to skin often; these can include lotions, liquids or sprays. The CDC recommends the use of repellants containing DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane 3, 8-diol, and IR3535. The duration of protection varies by repellant. Read labels on products to determine when reapplications are necessary for optimal protection.
- Wear socks and long, loose and light-colored shirts and pants.
- Treat clothing with permethrin or purchase pretreated permethrin clothing.
- Dispose of, regularly empty, or turn over any water-holding containers on your property such as tires, cans, flower pots, children's toys and trash cans.
- To prevent breeding in large water-holding devices, including bird baths or garden pools, use larvicides such as mosquito torpedoes or mosquito dunks. If used properly, larvicides will not harm animals.
- More tips can be found at <http://www.knoxcounty.org/health/mosquitoes.php>

A schedule of mosquito sprayings is available at [knoxcounty.org/health](http://knoxcounty.org/health). Any decisions to reschedule sprayings based on weather conditions will be made at the time of spraying and will be announced the following morning. Mosquito spraying helps reduce the Culex mosquito population and the risk of WNV spreading to humans.

### Areas treated on Monday, Oct. 9 between 8:30 p.m. and 2 a.m.:

#### Deane Hill:

Deane Hill Drive west of Morrell Road; Twining Drive; Kendall Road from Luxmore Drive to Twining Drive; Luxmore Drive east from Kendall Drive; Bosworth Road; Bardon Road; Moneta Road; Luscombe Drive west to Pocanno Road; Pocanno Road; Jerdan Road; Sabre Drive east from Nobscot Road; and Navarre Drive will be treated Monday, Oct. 9, weather permitting. Follow-up spraying is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 23.

#### Dixon Road:

Steeplechase Subdivision; Summer Oaks Subdivision; The Reserve Farragut; and Rockwell Farms will be treated Monday, Oct. 9, weather permitting. Follow-up spraying is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 23.



#### Fairmont Boulevard:

Mineral Springs Avenue from Walker Boulevard to Whittle Springs Road; Walker Boulevard from Mineral Springs Avenue to Powers Street; Montclair Avenue; Underwood Place; White Oak Lane; Valley View Drive from Whittle Springs Road to White Oak Lane; McCampbell Avenue; Upland Avenue; Tecoma Drive; Arbor Place; Maxwell Street; Emoriland Boulevard east of Kuhlman Street; Fairmont Boulevard from Kuhlman Street to Maxwell Street; Avondale from Whittle Springs to Maxwell Street; Boright Place; Boright Drive from Whittle Springs Road to Maxwell Street; McNutt Street; Brunswick Street; Whitney Place; Forestdale Avenue from Whittle Springs Road to Maxwell Street; Edgewood Avenue from Barton Street to Maxwell Street; Barton Street from Edgewood to Fairmont; Albert Avenue from Barton Street to Fairview Street; Nickerson Avenue from Barton Street to Bellevue Street; Fairview Street from Nickerson Avenue to Edgewood Avenue; Clearview Street; Orlando Street; Bellevue Street; Derieux Drive; Seymour Avenue; Sandra Avenue; Shaw Drive; Fontana Street; Fairwood Avenue; Powers Street; and Miami Street will be treated Monday, Oct. 9 for a follow-up treatment.

#### Hardin Valley:

Covered Bridge at Hardin Valley subdivision; Hickory Woods Estates; Hickory Creek Road from East Gallaher Ferry Road to West Gallaher Ferry Road; part of West Gallaher Ferry Road; and Creekside Manor Subdivision will be treated Monday, Oct. 9 for a follow-up treatment.

#### Milligan Street:

All areas east of North Cherry Street, west of Prosser Road, north of Magnolia Avenue, and south of I-40 will be treated Monday, Oct. 9 for a follow-up treatment.

#### Stone Road:

Stone Road; Wise Hills Road; Echodale Lane; Magazine Road; Stoneoak Lane; Royal Heights Drive; Grandin Drive; Judith Drive; Larry Drive; Beechwood Drive; Liveoak Lane; Sarvis Drive; Maple Loop Road to West Red Bud Road; and West Red Bud Road will be treated Monday, Oct. 9 for a follow-up treatment.

#### Venice Road:

Dutchtown Road from Christian Academy of Knoxville (CAK) to Blessed Way including Manis Lane and the area around CAK; Embarcadero Drive; Cortez Drive; Tallahassee Drive; Sanders Road from Dutchtown Road to Venice Road; Venice Road; Ethans Glen Drive; Tampa Road; Suwannee Road; Gulf Park Drive; Galveston Road; Naples Road; Sarasota Drive; Mobile Drive; Briarwood Drive; Laurel Hill Road; and the areas around Cedar Bluff Primary and Cedar Bluff Middle School will be treated Monday, Oct. 9 for a follow-up treatment.

To reduce the risk of mosquito-borne disease, KCHD conducts a West Nile virus control program during summer and fall months. As the weather warms each spring, public health professionals begin a weekly process of trapping and testing mosquitoes for WNV, a mosquito-borne disease which can infect humans, horses and birds. From March until the first frost, KCHD also uses larvicides in areas with standing water to prevent mosquito proliferation. These efforts are in addition to KCHD's work to assess and monitor for other mosquito-borne illnesses. More information is available by calling 865-215-5200 or visiting [www.knoxcounty.org/health](http://www.knoxcounty.org/health).

#### **About Knox County Health Department**

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is a governmental agency dedicated to making every person a healthy person. As the first health department in Tennessee to achieve national accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, KCHD's mission is to encourage, promote and assure the development of an active, healthy community through innovative public health practices. The organization conducts disease surveillance, prevention and control; emergency preparedness; nutrition and physical activity promotion; tobacco use prevention; health equity promotion; immunizations; and much more. For more information, visit [www.knoxcounty.org/health](http://www.knoxcounty.org/health).

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