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## Limited mosquito fogging set for Whitley Place area *Weekend fogging limited to wooded zone*

PROSPER (July 22, 2016) A positive test result for the presence of West Nile Virus in mosquitos has been recorded in the western section of the Whitley Place neighborhood, as well as in the downtown area near Broadway and Coleman Streets, according to the Town's Code Compliance Department.

The frequency of positive test results in the Whitley Place neighborhood has led Prosper to authorize the targeting of adult mosquitos in a relatively small wooded area in Whitley Place bordered by Gentry Drive, Spicewood Drive, Arborglen Court, Touchstone Court and Glacier Point Court.

The area will be treated with ultra-low volume fogging with an all-terrain vehicle or backpack. The targeted fogging will occur between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. on Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24.

Eliminating places where mosquitoes can breed and reducing the chances of mosquito bites are the most effective lines of defense against exposure to West Nile Virus. Residents are encouraged to look for and eliminate breeding sources in their yards. These areas include:

- trash can receptacles, buckets, and old tires;
- pet water dishes;
- flower pot saucers;
- bird baths and wading pools where water has not been changed for more than five days;
- clogged gutters;
- standing water on tarps covering boats, cars or other equipment.

Mosquitoes must have water to breed, and it only takes a teaspoon amount to serve as a source for the larvae. With the increasing temperature, mosquitoes can develop in as little as three days. Residents are also encouraged to remain vigilant, protecting themselves while outdoors, following the four Ds to reduce the risk of mosquito bites. The four Ds include:

- **DEET:** use insect repellants that contain DEET or other effective repellants.
- **DRESS:** wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing outside.
- **DRAIN:** remove all standing water around your home.
- **DUSK to DAWN:** limit outdoor activities from dusk to dawn hours when mosquitoes are most active.

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More information on West Nile Virus can be obtained by visiting <https://www.cdc.gov/westnile>, and Prosper's Mosquito Control Program is at <http://www.prospertx.gov/government/departments/stormwater/mosquito-control-program>.

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**ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER** – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 17,800 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."