



**SAN MATEO COUNTY
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**Mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus found in City of San Mateo. Fogging
scheduled for night of June 19, 2014**

San Mateo, CALIF. - The San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District (SMCMVCD) detected adult mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus (WNV) collected June 18, 2014 from the 94401 ZIP code area. The District will conduct a mosquito fogging treatment in a half mile radius around the detection site, in an effort to prevent human cases of WNV. Weather permitting; the ground fogging is scheduled for Thursday June 19 between 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM.

The District detects West Nile Virus in dead birds and squirrels every year, but District Manager Robert Gay states "this is the first time mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus have been found in San Mateo County." A map of the fogging location can be found on the district website, www.smcmad.org. Residents with questions can call the District at (650) 344-8592 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

West Nile Virus is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito. The primary hosts are birds. Humans, horses and other animals can become infected with WNV if bitten by an infected mosquito. It cannot be spread person to person. Laboratory Director Dr. Nayer Zahiri emphasized that "residents should take precautions to avoid mosquito bites, remove standing water around their homes, and call the District if they are noticing mosquitoes."

Reports of dead birds are an early indication that the virus is circulating in the environment. Residents are encouraged to help by reporting fresh carcasses of birds or tree squirrels to the West Nile virus hotline, online at www.westnile.ca.gov or by phone at 877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473).

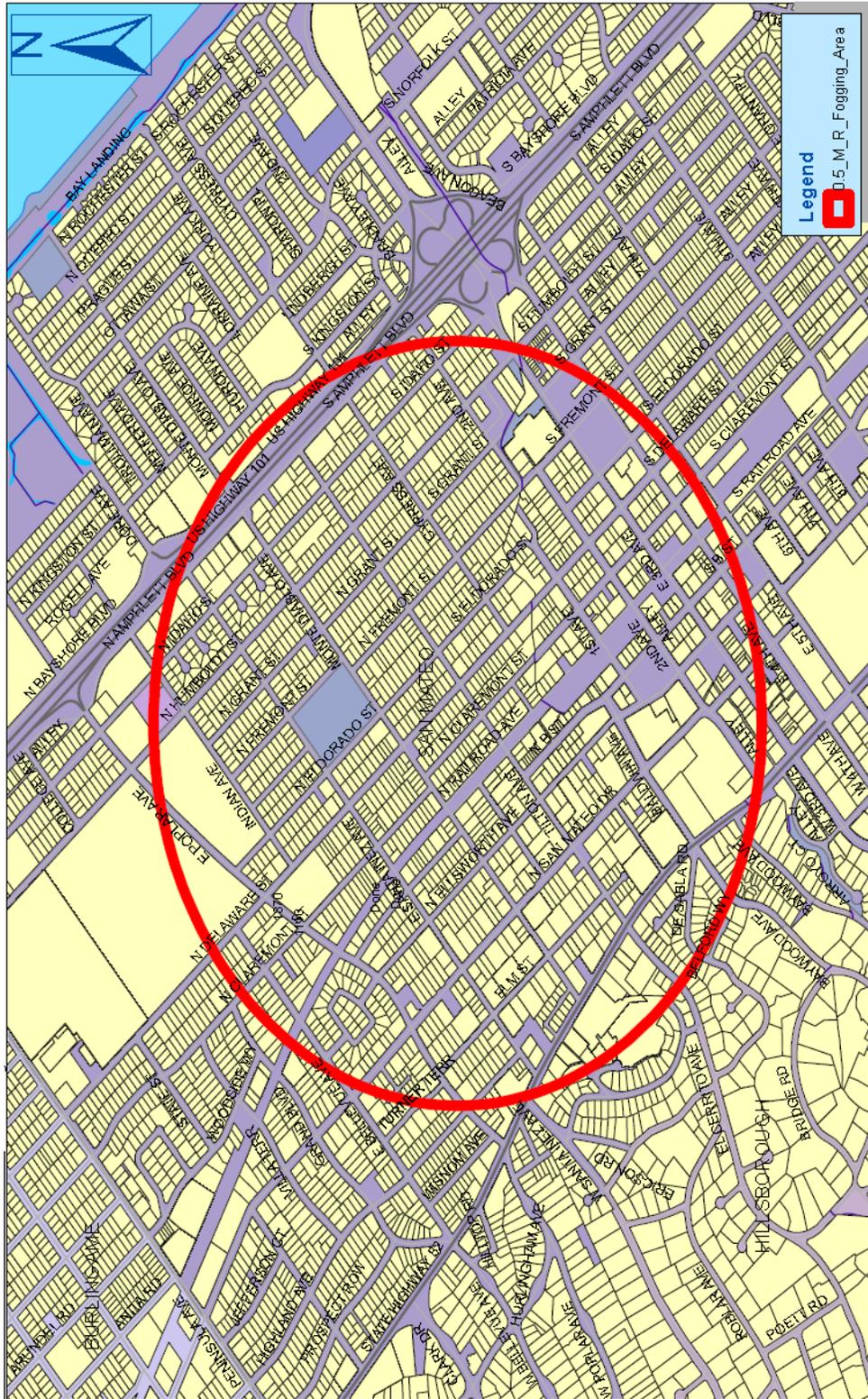
To prevent mosquito breeding on your property and to prevent mosquito bites, follow the "Three D's":

- **DRAIN** – Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water. Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property, including flower pots, old car tires, rain gutters and pet bowls.
- **DAWN and DUSK** – Mosquitoes bite in the early morning and evening so it is important to wear proper clothing and repellent if outside during these times. Make sure that your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep mosquitoes out.
- **DEET**– Apply insect repellent containing DEET, picaradin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 according to label instructions. Repellents keep the mosquitoes from biting you.

For assistance with a mosquito problem in San Mateo County, contact the District at (650) 344-8592.

For more information on West Nile Virus and other district services, visit us on the web at:
www.smcmad.org.

Adult mosquito fogging area shown inside red circle



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