Mosquito season in Dallas County is from May to November.

Residents should be on heightened alert during these months.

West Nile Virus is a disease that is spread by the bite of a mosquito.

Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on the blood from infected birds.

Infected mosquitoes can then transmit West Nile Virus to humans and animals.

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DEET
Use insect repellents that contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

DRESS
Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing outside especially during dusk and dawn hours.

DRAIN
Remove all areas of standing water. Change water in wading pools, pet dishes and birdbaths several times a week.